

GREENSKEEPER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, the incumbent is responsible for the maintenance of a County golf course, using sound agronomic principles. The Greenskeeper supervises the maintenance and repair of equipment necessary to keep a golf course in good playing condition and instructs and supervises subordinate personnel to insure that work is performed efficiently and in accordance with department standards. The incumbent may operate machinery, apply pesticides and chemicals and works long hours, weekends and 6 days a week during the golf season, as required. Supervision is exercised over subordinate maintenance staff. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Schedules and supervises golf course maintenance personnel to insure seven day coverage to keep the course in good playing condition;

Supervises the cutting of greens, fairways, tees, approaches and roughs, to insure that specific tolerances are met; for example:

Supervises changing of holes and tees to prevent undue wear to one area and to maintain the character of the turf;

Supervises and participates in the application of chemicals to control weeds, insects and fungi pests to maintain the quality of the turf and maintain records of all applications as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and Westchester County;

Supervises and participates in the watering and application of fertilizers to maintain the quality of the turf;

Supervises the removal of garbage, the care of sand traps, lawns, shrubs, paths and other areas relating to the golf course;

Oversees the routine maintenance of equipment relating to a golf course to ensure that it is ready for efficient use;

Instructs employees in the proper use of equipment, in new procedures and standards;

Accounts for the inventory of equipment and supplies and informs Golf Course Manager as to the need for supplies, also ensures the security of materials.

FULL PERFORMANCE SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the care and upkeep of golf turf such as greens and fairways; good knowledge of drainage control methods and of irrigating and watering systems; good knowledge of weeds, insects and fungi pests and of the methods used for their control and eradication; ability to lay out and supervise the work of others; ability to use automated systems such as word processing, calendar, email and database software; ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential functions of the position reliability; strength; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either (a) Possession of a high school or equivalency diploma and five years of experience in general golf course maintenance, one year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity; or (b) sixty college* credits with a specialization in agronomy or turf management and three years experience as described in (a) including the supervisory experience; or (c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a) and (b).

SUBSTITUTION: A Bachelor's Degree in Turf Grass Science may be substituted for four years of the required experience. Candidates must possess the supervisory experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a valid New York State motor vehicle operator's license.
2. Possession of a New York State Pesticide Applicators license, within the appropriate category.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary must be from an institution accredited or recognized by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Depending on work assignment, must meet standards of OSHA regulation 1910.134 Respiratory Protection, and will be required to meet Federal, State and local standards with respect to health and safety.