Title: Horticulturist 1  Pay Scale Group: 27

Essential Function

Under general supervision from a grounds maintenance superintendent, propagate and care for plants and assists in maintenance, care and arrangement of plants, flower beds and grounds.

Characteristic Duties

1. Care for plants (e.g., propagate plants from seeds, cuttings, grafts; mix soils and prepare flower beds; transplant, cultivate, fertilize, spray and dust plants; maintain records and documentation.

2. Assist with snow removal, prune and perform gardening tasks; apply fertilizers and pesticides.

3. Assist in maintenance and/or consults with ground personnel on care and maintenance of grounds (e.g., yard, grass, flowers, shrubs, trees, and plant arrangements); prepare outdoor garden beds, transplant flowers, vegetables, trees and/or shrubs in accordance with specific plans; operate grounds maintenance equipment.

4. Perform a variety of miscellaneous related duties (e.g., general maintenance of grounds equipment, cleans and stores equipment and flower boxes; assist in preparation of supply requisitions for grounds equipment and make recommendations on types and quantity of purchases; order supplies such as seeds, plants, sprays and tools.

5. Perform related duties based on departmental need.

Unusual Working Conditions

- Work outdoors, may be exposed to dirt, pollen, pesticides and fertilizers.

Minimum Qualifications

- Twelve months work experience involved in grounds maintenance and art of growing flowers and ornamental plants; or certificate in Horticulture, gardening and/or grounds maintenance is required. Commercial Applicator License required within 12 months of employment, in accordance with Ohio Revised code 921.06 Ohio Department of Agriculture and Federal regulations. Must have a current valid driver’s license with an acceptable driving record.

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