

Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker

Performs responsible unskilled and semi-skilled work in the maintenance and repair of water and sewer lines.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled work in water and sewer line maintenance, repair and construction. Work involves manual labor and the operation of tools and equipment in performing assigned tasks. Employees are subject to working in both inside and outside environments, in extreme temperatures, and are exposed to various hazards such as loud noises, vibration, moving mechanical parts, electrical current, chemicals, fumes, odors, dusts, mists, gases, poor ventilation, and oils. Work around sewage subjects those employees to the OSHA blood borne pathogen requirements. Employees may also be subject to on-call and callback work. This position is considered a safety sensitive role. Work is performed under supervision of a higher-level worker or supervisor and is evaluated through observation, conferences, and inspection for adherence to instructions and standard trade and safety practices.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled manual tasks such as using hand tools, lifting and placing pipes, and shoveling out around pipes and appurtenances.
- Uses a variety of tools and/or equipment such as wrenches, saws, tampers, compression equipment, and hand power tools.
- Installs hydrants, meter valves, clamps, and related pipeline apparatus; sets meter boxes; repairs and replaces fire hydrants.
- Takes water samples and performs field testing for quality.
- Sets up construction signing and cones under direction of crew leader; flags traffic.
- May drive dump trucks or light equipment in situations requiring less skill.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Working knowledge of the tools, materials and equipment used in the repair and maintenance of water and wastewater systems.
- Working knowledge of the use of common hand and power tools and specialty tools associated with the repair of water and wastewater systems.
- Working knowledge of the occupational hazards and related safety precautions in the work place.
- Some knowledge of a variety of maintenance and manual methods and tasks involved in the repair of water and wastewater systems.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors and other employees.
- Ability to follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to communicate effectively with staff and supervisor.

- Ability to perform manual labor for extended periods of time.

Physical Requirements

- Must be able to physically perform the basic life operations functions of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, feeling, talking, hearing and repetitive motions.
- Must be able to perform very heavy work exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally; 50 pounds of force frequently; and 20 pounds constantly.
- Must possess a visual acuity to operate vehicles and light equipment in a safe manner and to determine the thoroughness and correctness of the work assigned.

Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school and some experience with construction or maintenance work or other experience using the above knowledge, skills, and abilities; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirement

Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license.
Prefer possession of a North Carolina Commercial Driver's License.

May require ability to obtain distribution and/or collection system certification.

The position is considered Safety Sensitive and as a conditional offer of employment, the successful candidate must pass a pre-employment medical exam and drug screen.

General Town applications are available at the Ayden Town Hall, 4144 West Avenue or for download at www.ayden.com. Please note applications must be signed before submittal.

Questions concerning this position should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 252-481-5826, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., except holidays. Position will remain open until filled.

The Town of Ayden is an EEOC employer and does not discriminate against any qualified applicant.