

DEPARTMENT: PARKS DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

GREENSKEEPER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is important work with responsibility for participating in and overseeing the maintenance of golf course grounds and equipment. This position has responsibility for determining which fertilizers, fungicides, etc. to apply, when to apply them, and for mixing and applying them. Supervision is received from the Golf Director. Supervision may be exercised over laborers and groundskeepers. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Performs and leads in a variety of greenskeeping tasks, such as treatment of greens and lawns, composting fairways, greens and trees, watering and cutting grass;
2. Trims trees and shrubs, rakes leaves and sods and seeds lawns;
3. Supervises and participates in the cleaning of buildings and grounds including trees and water holes;
4. Paints signs and places flags;
5. Operates motor equipment, including small trucks, tractors with gang mowers and other grass cutting equipment;
6. Determines which fertilizers, fungicides, etc. to apply and when to apply them;
7. Mixes and applies a variety of fertilizers, fungicides, etc., according to specific directions;
8. Operates an automated irrigation system;
9. Supervises groundskeepers and others in golf course maintenance;
10. Has charge of daily operations in the absence of the Golf Director.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the materials and tools used in grounds and golf course maintenance; working knowledge of the use of fertilizers, fungicides, pesticides and herbicides; ability to lay out and supervise the work of others; mechanical aptitude; good judgement; initiative; tact; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

PROMOTIONAL: Four (4) years of permanent non-competitive status as a Groundskeeper or Groundskeeper II in the Niagara County Department of Public Works immediately preceding appointment.

OPEN COMPETITIVE:

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma **and** two (2) years of paid experience in golf course or grounds maintenance including the operation of an automated irrigation system and the use of fertilizers;
OR

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma **and** satisfactory completion of a specialized course in turfagronomy and possession of a DEC approved Pesticide Applicators License.

NOTE: Verifiable part-time experience will be pro-rated towards meeting the experience requirement.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must possess a valid New York State Drivers License at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment;
2. Must possess a current DEC approved Pesticide Applicators License at time of appointment and for the duration of employment.