

## PARKS WORKER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for performing a variety of semi-skilled and un-skilled tasks in maintaining playground or park areas. The work involves light to heavy physical effort and is often performed under adverse weather conditions. This class is distinguished from that of a Laborer in that the depth and breadth of duties performed is much broader in scope and may include semi-skilled tasks in a number of trades areas, motor vehicle operations, tree removal, grounds keeping, building maintenance and custodial duties. This position may act as a caretaker for parks facilities and provide parks security as well as assisting parks patrons by providing information, supplies, and aid. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level supervisor with leeway allowed for performing tasks. The incumbent does related work as required.

### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Mows lawns and cares for flower beds, trails, walks and drives;
- Trims hedges, trees and shrubs;
- Rakes leaves;
- Shovels snow;
- Clears snow from walks and drives;
- Cleans gutters and catch basins;
- Performs a variety of grounds maintenance tasks;
- Drives trucks or other vehicles to trash pickup site and collects and transports trash cans to disposal area and deposits cargo;
- Performs routine custodial duties at various park facilities and buildings, such as shelters, bathrooms, and pavilions;
- Sweeps and mops floors, refills paper towel and other dispensers and replaces light bulbs;
- Operates power driven tools and equipment such as saws, compressors, drills, mixers, pumps and mowers;
- Uses hand tools such as shovels, scythes, forks and rakes in grounds maintenance and beautification work;
- Grades and marks baseball diamonds, football fields, tennis courts and running tracks;
- Erects, dismantles and inspects recreation equipment;
- Cleans, paints, and repairs goal posts, scoreboards, line markers, swings, and other athletic equipment;
- Erects bleachers and loudspeakers;
- Repairs damaged picnic tables;
- Waters lawns and shrubs;
- Floods and maintains skating rink;
- Performs unskilled carpentry and mason work;
- May operate a motor vehicle in performance of duties;
- Performs a variety of related duties as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of the methods, materials and tools used in the maintenance of grounds, buildings and playground equipment; ability to perform manual labor in all weather conditions; ability to understand and follow simple directions; ability to understand and carry out verbal and written instructions; ability to deal courteously and tactfully with the public;

physical strength and agility sufficient to perform light and heavy manual labor often under adverse weather conditions; and ability to get along with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a valid New York State Driver's License at time of appointment and maintenance of such license throughout employment.