

Specification for Class of

GARDENER 2

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Definition: Performs skilled gardening work with responsibility for management of small gardening program without technical gardening supervision or major division such as greenhouse or grounds in large gardening program.

Typical Work

Formulates and presents recommendations for layout or improvements of grounds with respect to flower beds and displays, shrub placement, and lawn cover;

Estimates needs and submits requests for appropriate quantities and types of seeds, bulbs, seedlings, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, equipment, and help needed;

Plans and adjusts work schedule to plant, transplant, irrigate, fertilize, spray, and cultivate plants;

Supervises gardener, several patients, students, residents, or inmates;

Takes responsibility for maintenance of performance standards of subordinates; operates and maintains power lawnmowers, rototillers, and edgers; participates in gardening work;

Participates in formulating annual operating plans for large greenhouse and takes principal responsibility for executing plans schedules planting dates and other work to coincide with seasons and plant life cycles:

Converts quotas of seedlings, bouquets, potted plants, and cut-flower arrangements to square footage of greenhouse and cold frame planting and to species and quantities of seeds; submits requests for all necessary greenhouse supplies and equipment;

Mixes or selects soil mixtures; selects proper fertilizers and sprays; determines proper amounts of moisture and appropriate planting dates:

Directs cutting and arranging of flowers for use in offices and hospital wards; issues potted plants; directs and participates in manufacture of Christmas wreaths and cedar rope;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: practices of floriculture, greenhouse operations, and groundskeeping work; cultivating, propagating, grafting, pruning, spraying, and trimming of flowers, plants, trees, shrubs, and lawns; materials, tools, and equipment used in floriculture and grounds work.

Ability to: plan and manage all activities of moderate scale garden and grounds program; supervise and instruct employees and patients or inmates; operate, maintain, and make minor repairs to hand and self-propelled garden equipment; make written reports; perform heavy work in inclement weather.

Minimum Qualifications

Two years of experience as a gardener.

Completion of a two year vocational training course in Landscape Horticulture may be substituted for the required experience.

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