

**PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TECHNICIAN**

**DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, determine pesticide requirements District wide; safely prepare and apply pesticides as needed to perform a variety of functions and activities related to preventive maintenance; perform landscape maintenance and lead a crew as needed; operate large and medium-sized power equipment.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

*The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.*

1. Inspects turf, ornamental tree and shrub areas, and slopes to identify disease or pest infestation and determine corrective action.
2. Prepares and applies pesticides.
3. Operates open and closed spray equipment; orders and maintains an inventory of pesticides and equipment.
4. Keeps accurate records of all pesticide use; prepares, maintains, and submits reports required, such as a monthly report to the Agriculture Commissioner.
5. May be asked to train and supervise landscape maintenance crews/individuals in the methods and safe usage of pesticides.
6. May operate grounds equipment, including mowers, skip loaders, sweepers, and large trucks.
7. May lead a crew as required.
8. Performs other related duties as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Knowledge of:**

Plant, tree, and turf diseases and pests common to the area and methods used in their eradication and control; principles, methods, techniques, materials, and tools pertaining to the handling and application of pesticides and related chemicals; varieties of fertilizers and their proper use; landscape maintenance; safety procedures to prevent possible exposure to pesticides and other chemicals while training others in safe application techniques.

**Ability to:**

Effectively and efficiently lead and participate in the work functions of a grounds crew; operate grounds tools and equipment; perform heavy manual labor; work independently with an assigned schedule; communicate effectively and represent the District appropriately to outside groups; respond to staff and public concerns regarding chemicals used; understand and carry out oral and written instructions; meet deadlines, with consideration of changing priorities and weather conditions; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; comply with the District's customer service standards, as outlined in Board policy.

**Education/Experience:**

Any combination equivalent to: Graduation from high school; and three years experience in landscape maintenance or agriculture that includes application of pesticides.

**License/Certificate Requirement:**

Possession of a valid California Driver's License; ability to remain insurable at the standard insurance market rate.

Possession of, or obtain within six months, a valid California Pest Control Applicator Certificate in all categories as required by the District.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

*The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.*

**Environment:** Work is performed primarily in an outdoor setting, with some travel from site to site, exposure to all types of weather and temperature conditions, noise, dust, pollens, noxious weeds and plants, insect stings, and potentially hazardous chemicals.

**Physical:** Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in a field setting; lift, carry, push, and pull heavy objects; bend, stoop, twist, squat, and reach; verbally communicate to exchange information.

**Vision:** See in the normal visual range with or without correction.

**Hearing:** Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.