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## WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE WORKER

**Department: Planning and Public Works**  
**Job Class #: 949300**  
**Compensation Grade: Maintenance/Trades 02**

**FLSA: Non-Exempt**  
**Represented: Yes**

Classification descriptions are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in this class and are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

**GENERAL FUNCTION:** This is maintenance and repair work performing a wide variety of task supporting the repair of wastewater assets, and the construction, maintenance and repair of buildings and equipment, for the Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department. Positions in this classification work in a training capacity.

**SERIES CONCEPT:** This is the entry-level position into the Wastewater Maintenance Series. The series consists of Wastewater Maintenance Worker, Wastewater Maintenance Technician, Wastewater Maintenance Specialist and Wastewater Maintenance Supervisor.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Assist employees of higher classification in the repair and maintenance of sewer lines and pump stations.
- Under supervision, operate heavy and specialized equipment.
- Operate T.V. inspection van to visually locate problem areas in sewer lines.
- Work with chemical grouting equipment.
- Perform septic tank cleaning, flushing and related duties to maintain drains, sewers, and culverts; remove debris and other refuse from clogged sewer lines and drains, using specialized equipment.
- Control traffic at work sites by setting up warning signs and flagging to guide traffic through work areas.
- Install, replace or repair sewer lines.
- Perform routine pump station inspections, making repairs.
- Assist in treatment plant cleaning by hosing roto-strainers, weirs, clarifiers, digesters, dumpster areas and walkways.
- Perform routine facility maintenance duties to include but not limited to emergency cleanup requirements, hanging bulletin boards, and replacing light bulbs, lamps and lenses.
- Perform duties related to working in the Fertilizer Manufacturing Facility (SoundGRO) including bagging, loading pallets, maintaining inventory, maintain appropriate documentation, operating forklifts, and assisting SoundGRO customers with loading of fertilizer products.
- Maintain regular, predictable and punctual attendance during regularly scheduled work hours at assigned worksite.
- Meet travel requirements of the position.
- Perform the physical requirements of the position; work within the established working conditions of the position.
- Work a flexible schedule, which may include evenings, weekends, holidays and overtime.
- Lift, carry, or move parts or equipment weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Respond to emergencies on a 24-hour basis and work varied shifts and hours.

**OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:**

- Read and interpret blueprints and maps to determine location of sewer lines.

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- As assigned, work with crews within the Wastewater Division for purpose of cross-training.
- Perform other job functions as assigned.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED:** This position does not supervise other positions. Incumbents are expected to work independently under general direction and supervision with adherence to established guidelines and procedures.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:** The work environment characteristics described herein are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of the position. Incumbents may perform assigned work in a variety of inside and outside climates and conditions, with exposure to weather, and conditions such as slippery floors or difficult terrain, and which may include confined spaces. Work may involve the use of chemicals, cleaning agents and handling or working with toxic/hazardous substances.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** The physical demands described herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions. A position in this class is generally exposed to prolonged period of standing, bending, climbing, loud industrial noises, fumes, and gases, working in confined spaces, above and underground, use and operating a variety of hand/power tools, equipment, and machinery requiring finger and hand dexterity, observing equipment and machinery in order to ensure proper working conditions, working in the field or in a plant working environment in all types of weather conditions and using proper safety equipment and devices. Walking, sitting, climbing or descending ladders to a height or depth of one hundred feet and ability to enter tight and confined spaces with a diameter of twenty-four (24") inches, bending/stooping, pushing/pulling, reaching, unassisted lifting of 50 pounds is required, and working around traffic.

#### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

##### **Knowledge of:**

- Safe working methods.
- Traffic systems, signs, and signals.
- Methods, tools and techniques utilized in the maintenance and operation of wastewater systems.

##### **Ability to:**

- Perform manual labor under adverse conditions for extended periods of time.
- Operate heavy equipment such as a backhoe, dump truck, and other job-related equipment.
- Work cooperatively with work crews.
- Understand and follow written and verbal instructions.
- Work effectively and productively with others.
- Communicate effectively verbally and in writing to audiences of various social, cultural, ethnic, educational and economic backgrounds.
- Effectively coordinate, perform and complete multiple duties and assignments concurrently and in a timely manner.
- Lift, carry and/or move equipment, parts, materials and supplies weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Meet the travel requirements of the position, if any.
- Physically perform the essential job functions of the classification.

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- Maintain regular, predictable and punctual attendance during regularly scheduled work hours at assigned worksite.
- Work a flexible schedule, which may include evenings, weekends, holidays and overtime.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:** Two years' experience in wastewater, construction or equipment operation. Additional education or training may substitute for the recruitment requirement.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS:** Must possess or have the ability to obtain a valid Washington State Driver's license with Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class "A"(Tank Vehicle) endorsement within the first twelve months of employment. All employees in the classification after twelve months must maintain a valid WA CDL Class "A" (Tank Vehicle) endorsement. Must obtain a Traffic Control (Flagging) Card, CPR, and First Aid Card within the first six months of employment. Satisfactory physical condition, as evidenced by a county approved physical examination, may be required prior to appointment to the position. **SPECIAL NOTE:** After successful completion of two years as a Wastewater Maintenance Worker, an employee is eligible for promotion to the Wastewater Maintenance Technician class.