

WEED CONTROL TECHNICIAN

JOB PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

Operates a variety of specialized equipment to support noxious weed control in designated county rights-of-way, and to resolve brush and sight distance issues throughout Clark County, in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws.

CLASSIFICATION DISTINCTIONS

This is a single level classification working under the direction of a Field Inspector, or Lead. Incumbents work under close supervision, and clearly defined work procedures and practices.

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Operates a variety of light duty spray and vegetation control equipment including computerized application spray truck equipment for Zone 1 pesticide application; off-road equipment in mitigated wetland sights and assigned landscape areas, for removal of nuisance and dangerous trees; mowers; brushcutters; and various hand tools including shovels, machetes, and chainsaws.
- Collects, maps, analyzes and maintains data on noxious weed infestations using Global Positioning Systems (GPS).
- Maintains herbicide application reports and records on supplies being used. Refers to Pesticide Labels and Material Safety Data Sheets to insure compliance with all safety requirements and regulations with respect to the use of pesticides.
- Assists in inspections of properties in order to control noxious weeds and insure compliance with State regulations; assists in preparing reports of weed infestations as identified through inspections.
- Coordinates spray activities with internal Clark County departments and external agencies, including other jurisdictions.
- Maintains equipment in good operating condition, and performs regular safety and maintenance inspection of equipment.
- Assists in enforcement proceedings against property owners to insure compliance with RCW and County Code.

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- Assists in the guidance, training, and direction of volunteers and seasonal temporary staff.
- Performs related Weed Management Department activities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent, current Washington State Pesticide License with Right-of-Way endorsement, and a valid motor vehicle operator's license required;
- Two (2) years experience operating computerized spray equipment preferred;
- Moderate to advanced personal computer skills highly desirable.
- Any combination of training and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be considered.

Knowledge of... weed identification and control measures; chemicals and tools used for the elimination of weeds; Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping; application rates and approved products for right-of-ways, wetlands, and aquatic areas; state and local laws and regulations pertaining to weed control; personal computer applications.

Ability to... clean and repair systems on spray equipment; safely operate required machinery, power and hand tools; read maps and identify locations; maintain complete and accurate written records; prepare required reports; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; interface with the public and other agency personnel in a courteous manner; perform tasks in unfavorable weather conditions; lift and carry fifty (50) pounds on a regular basis.

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Work is typically performed outdoors with exposure to a variety of weather conditions, including extreme heat and cold, and exposure to potential hazards associated with working near traffic and around chemicals and equipment. May be required to lift and carry fifty (50) pounds on a regular basis. Work indoors may include long periods of sitting and operating a personal computer.

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