

LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT

JOB POSTING

Equipment Operator I

General Description:

Entry-level position on the Tree or Mowing Crew responsible for the operation of automotive and public works equipment utilized in maintenance operations throughout the District including mowing and tree/vegetation removal. Responsible for operation of equipment used in public works maintenance including, but not limited to, light trucks, tractors, tractor mowers, side boom mowers, chainsaws and other similar equipment. Work is performed under the direct supervision of the Crew Leader who reviews work for completion and ensures adherence to instructions and established standards.

Essential Job Functions:

- Operates public works maintenance equipment such as light trucks, tractors, tractor mowers, side boom mowers, and chainsaws to maintain and remove trees and/or vegetation from District canals and rights-of-way.
- As part of District's emergency response role, position may be required to work before, during and after major storm / rainfall events and emergency situations such as hurricanes or other declared emergencies.
- Follows field safety and security protocols and ensures safe operation of all equipment used in mowing and tree/vegetation removal operations. Ensures safety and personal protective equipment is properly utilized.
- Evaluates work conditions prior to beginning work and takes measures to ensure a safe work environment. Promptly reports and/or resolves any potential safety issues.
- Ensures all equipment and supplies are properly maintained and operating effectively and efficiently. Promptly reports any maintenance issues.
- May work as trainee operator on more complex types of trucks and equipment.
- May be temporarily assigned work on other crews as needed, including general maintenance work of District facilities.
- Operates other machinery and performs other job duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education and Experience

Typically has a high school diploma or equivalent. Possession of a valid Florida driver's license. Some demonstrated experience in the operation of maintenance equipment is preferred.

Knowledge, Skill and Abilities

- Knowledge of equipment, tools and materials used in mowing and/or the removal of trees and vegetation.

- Knowledge of maintenance servicing requirements, operation and adaptabilities, limitations and safety precautions of assigned equipment/tool assigned.
- Ability to detect improper functioning mechanical systems on assigned equipment/tool.
- Ability to read and write and to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Sufficient physical strength and agility to perform heavy manual work for extended periods, occasionally in adverse weather conditions.

Essential Physical Skills:

- Acceptable eyesight (with or without correction)
- Acceptable hearing (with or without correction)
- Ability to communicate orally.
- Heavy lifting and carrying (45 pounds and over)
- Equipment operation
- Distinguishing colors
- Reaching, climbing, walking, standing, kneeling, bending, balancing, crawling, and pushing.

Environmental Conditions:

- Works outside in various weather conditions, with regular exposure to hot/humid environment, dust and noisy conditions.
- In or around moving vehicles or equipment
- Heights
- Uneven surfaces
- Radiant and electrical energy
- Due to District's emergency management response role, position is required to provide support before, during and after major storm events and emergency situations.

Salary Grade: 103 - Min: \$16.50 Mid: \$19.50 (\$34,320/ Mid: \$40,560)

Interested candidates should submit an application, along with their resume at <http://www.lwdd.net/employment-application>

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