

Notice of Job Opening

Position: Water Maintenance Foreman

Applicants must meet the requirements outlined in the enclosed job description.

Upon acceptance of the position, you may be permanently or temporarily assigned to other units as operationally needed, in accordance with the relevant collective bargaining agreement.

PLEASE NOTE: This position's civil service jurisdictional classification is Non-competitive.

Department: Water & Water Supply

Vacancies to be filled: 1

Rate of Pay: \$31.63 hourly rate

Schedule: Monday – Friday: 3:15 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.

Application Deadline: **Monday, August 3rd, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.**

All applicants must submit an application online via jobs.albanyny.gov to be considered for the job opening.

Union Preference: YES
Applicants who are current members of the Albany Blue Collar Workers Union Local 1961/AFSCME NY Council 66 will be given preference over external candidates, unless the position is considered entry-level.

Residency Preference: Preference in hiring is given to qualified City of Albany residents. All candidates must reside in the following counties at the time of appointment and throughout their employment. Proof of residency will be required at time of appointment.

- Albany County
- Rensselaer County
- Schenectady County
- Saratoga County
- Greene County
- Columbia County
- Schoharie County

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Posted on Monday, July 20th, 2026

WATER MAINTENANCE FOREPERSON

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The incumbent in this class supervises and participates in the installation, maintenance and repair of water distribution systems, fixtures and equipment. This position involves responsibility for supervising and coordinating the work of various crews engaged in the installation, maintenance and repair of water mains, water services, hydrants, valves and other water system fixtures. The work is performed under direct supervision of the Water Maintenance Supervisor with some leeway over Equipment Operators I and II, Laborers and Water Maintenance Repair Workers. Employees in this class must be available at all times for emergency repairs to the water distribution system as well as daily participation.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Supervises and helps coordinate the work of moderately-sized work crews engaged in the installation, maintenance and repair of water mains, water services, hydrants, valves and other system fixtures;
- Coordinates the activities assigned to the various crews;
- Tours work areas in order to check work both in progress and completed for conformance to Water Department standards;
- Supervises and participates in the caulking, installation, replacement and repair of mains, valves, hydrants and pipes;
- Supervises and performs the tapping of mains for the extension of consumer water fixtures;
- Reports on progress made by the various crews and takes steps to see that production standards are met and difficulties resolved;
- Investigates complaints pertaining to water stoppages or breaks in mains;
- Files daily reports pertaining to work projects, completion and time on job;
- Enters and retrieves information in an automated information system;
- Responds to emergency calls at any time, day or night;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Good knowledge of the installation, repair and maintenance of water distribution fixtures and equipment;
- Good knowledge of the methods, tools, materials, equipment and terminology used in a water distribution system;
- Good knowledge of the component structures and fixtures of a water distribution system;

- Good knowledge of the hazards and safety precautions involved in the work;
- Good knowledge of personal computers and office equipment;
- Skill in the care and use of hand and air driven tools used in the work;
- Ability to supervise and coordinate the work of others;
- Ability to understand and follow moderately complex oral and written directions;
- Ability to prepare a variety of reports;
- Willingness to perform physical labor and work outdoors in all types of weather conditions;
- Good judgment;
- Reliability;
- Mental alertness;
- Manual dexterity;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Three (3) years of satisfactory, full-time paid experience in the installation, maintenance and repair of a water distribution system, one (1) year of which shall have included supervising a crew engaged in such activities.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Eligibility for the appropriate class license issued by the New York State Motor Vehicle Department.

A valid NYS Driver's License is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

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