

GARDENER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is semi-skilled work in the routine care and cultivation of a variety of flowers and plants. Work assignments are outlined by a foreman and work is performed independently on the less technical gardening and maintenance work in a greenhouse or in the city parks. The gardener foreman may exercise minor supervision over a crew of laborers during planting operations. Work is usually reviewed in process and upon completion.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Plants, transplants and cultivates flowers; digs and mulches the soil at the roots of the plants;
- Sprays plants with insecticides; waters plants periodically; pulls weeds from flowerbeds; spreads fertilizer on soil at the base of plants;
- Regulates ventilation and temperature in a greenhouse; tends fires in greenhouse; prunes tropical trees and plants;
- Cuts grass; rakes leaves; prunes shrubbery;
- Performs varied laboring and maintenance tasks;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Knowledge of the propagation, planting, cultivation, pruning and care of plants, shrubs, flowers and lawns;
- Knowledge of the methods, materials, tools and practices used in treating plants for fungi, insects and parasites;
- Skill in the care and use of gardening tools;
- Ability to trim propagates, plant and transplant potted flowers and plants;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. One (1) year of experience in gardening work.; **AND**
- B. Ability to read and write.