SPRAY TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The incumbent, under the direction of the golf course superintendent, performs chemical applications on golf course properties and fertilizes greens, tees and fairways; applies chemicals to the same. The spray technician is responsible for reading, understanding and keeping current with Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The position is also responsible for compiling preliminary reports of pesticide use for the golf course superintendent. During periods where no applications are being performed, this position will be responsible for performing other golf course maintenance tasks.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Performs routine safety inspections and maintenance on all application equipment;
- Maintains chemical storage and mixing areas in compliance with county, state and federal regulations and is responsible for the safety and direction of chemical handlers and/or helpers;
- Applies chemicals and fertilizers to turf, trees and ornamentals with a variety of application equipment;
- Participates in all types of seasonal golf course activities, such as: mowing, pruning, raking, excavating, erecting snow fences, performing snow removal and constructing and maintaining structures, features, accessories and equipment;
- May supervise and participate in a small group of employees performing manual labor;
- Operates a large variety of hand equipment, mowers, trucks and utility vehicles;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Knowledge of standard equipment used for chemical and fertilizer application, including: mechanically pressurized spray equipment, hand operated spray equipment, hand operated rotary spreaders, hand operated drop spreaders, utility tractors and trucks;
- Ability to assign and supervise the work of a small group of laborers and equipment operators, while participating in the duties;
- Ability to follow oral and written instruction;
- Ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods of time in adverse weather conditions;
- Ability to safely operate a large variety of hand equipment, mowers, equipment, trucks and utility vehicles used in maintaining golf course;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Current NYS Pesticide Applicator’s License or NYS Pesticide Technician License
- A valid New York State driver’s license is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.