

WINNEBAGO COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

**BARGAINING
UNIT**

STEP AND GRADE:

DATE LAST PRINTED:

JOB TITLE: HORTICULTURIST

Summary of Responsibilities

Under general direction, performs a variety of duties relating to the maintenance of vegetative areas such as grass areas, wildflower and prairie grass areas, trees and shrubs located within County right-of-way. Documents the work performed with the goal of providing a well maintained and attractive landscape.

Illustrative Examples of Work

1. Remove woody plants and unwanted weeds such as thistle from wildflower and prairie grass plantings and other natural areas;
2. Oversee the maintenance of all landscaped and concrete medians
3. Weeding;
4. Prune trees and shrubs;
5. Remove or oversee the removal of dead trees;
6. Water trees as needed;
7. Mow/burn prairie areas as needed;
8. Reseed damaged areas;
9. Transplanting small trees and containerized prairie plants;
10. Communicate with mowing crews the areas to mow and non-lawn mowing areas;
11. Coordinate application of herbicides;
12. Coordinate/interact with the Forest Preserve District in establishing new areas for planting;
13. Pick up and dispose of trash;
14. Other duties as assigned.
15. Ability to identify prairie species so as not to disturb them

Education and Experience

- A. High school graduate with post high school classes in horticulture or a related field. College credit in horticulture and related fields a plus
- B. Valid Illinois State driver's license.
- C. Ability to lift 50 pounds.
- D. An applicators license a plus

Abilities

Refer to the *Analysis of Essential Functions* form for the detailed physical requirements of this position.