

## **GROUNDS EQUIPMENT REPAIRER AND GROUNDSWORKER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is skilled mechanical work which involves the maintenance and repair of grounds equipment and machinery and routine but varied grounds work. The grounds work involves physical labor and helper functions in the maintenance of grounds and recreation areas, including structures, buildings, tools and equipment. Motorized grounds equipment or street operated motor vehicles may be operated in furtherance of the equipment repair and grounds duties. Supervision is received from a higher level position. During periods of emergency or heavy activity, employees in this class may be required to work at other than normal working hours. Work direction may be given to employees assisting with the grounds equipment repair. This position differs from Automotive Mechanic I in that the duties relate primarily to the repair and maintenance of grounds equipment and machinery rather than the repair of trucks, buses and other road vehicles. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Repairs, maintains and overhauls gasoline and diesel equipment such as wheel loaders and backhoes;  
Repairs and maintains trailers, lawn mowers, tillers, snow blowers, weed whackers, push blowers, backpack blowers, hedge trimmers, etc.;

Repairs and overhauls transmissions, brake systems, differentials, front and rear axles, universal joints, drive shafts, etc. on equipment and machinery;

Adjusts connecting rods, steering mechanisms and bearings on equipment and machinery;

Installs hydraulic lines, fuel pumps and belts;

Performs routine maintenance and repair of tools, equipment and machinery;

Operates machine shop equipment, including lathes, grinders and other metal working machines;

Makes welding repairs on trailer hitches, cab guards, snow plows, backhoes as well as chairs and tables;

Changes and repairs tires and tubes;

Requisitions materials and equipment;

Maintains supplies, tools, equipment and shop area;

Plows, shovels and removes snow and ice and sands and salts walks and parking areas;

Mows grassed areas using hand, power-driven or tractor mowers;

Grades, seeds, fertilizes by hand or by tractor and attachments;

Trims hedges and small trees;

Sweeps walks and parking areas;

Cleans catch basins and collects and disposes of rubbish;

Performs a wide variety of laboring and routine maintenance tasks attendant to the use, operation and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, including grounds structures and buildings;

Operates paint machines to mark ball fields and parking lots;

Operates motor vehicles on public ways in the performance of equipment repair and grounds duties;

May maintain records and prepare reports;

May assist a certified Pesticide Applicator in applying pesticides and other such controlled chemicals.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC:**

Thorough knowledge of equipment and machinery repair practices, methods, tools and terminology; working knowledge of the machinist trade; working knowledge of welding techniques; working knowledge of grounds maintenance methods, materials and equipment; working knowledge of the terminology and practices used in common mechanical and building maintenance; ability to use automotive tools and common laboring and hand-held tools; ability to use power mowers, snow blowers, saws and other powered grounds equipment; ability to read, understand and carry out oral and written instructions; ability to repair heavy grounds equipment.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Three (3) years of experience as a Groundswoker which included maintaining and repairing grounds equipment and machinery.

**NOTE:** One (1) year of either vocational or technical training in automotive mechanics at the high school level may be substituted for one (1) year of the repair and maintenance of grounds equipment and machinery experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

1. Incumbent must possess a valid driver's license appropriate for the kind and size of vehicle to be operated.
2. Incumbent may apply pesticides and other such controlled chemicals only if:
  - (a) In possession of a valid, appropriate Pesticide Applicator's certification issued by the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation; or
  - (b) Does so under the direct supervision of a certified applicator.

Definitions, guidelines, restrictions, etc. are specifically defined in Part 325, Application of Pesticides, Rules and Regulations, N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation.

3. If the above is applicable to their jurisdiction, it shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure that any and all pertinent rules, regulations, requirements, etc. of local, state or federal agencies are strictly adhered to.
4. It shall not be a mandatory requirement for a Groundswoker to possess pesticide certification.