

PEST MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION

Performs pest management work on District properties in accordance with the District's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Identifies pests, or in difficult cases, consults with the Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator to establish pest identity.

Uses mechanical, exclusionary, and other IPM-approved methods to trap or exterminate pests (such as termites, wood destroying insects, ants, roaches, spiders, moths, silverfish, lice, fleas, flies, beetles, weevils, bees, snakes, gophers, and skunks) and eradicate weeds.

Removes and disposes of live or dead animals, including cats, dogs, skunks, rodents, and pigeons from District property.

Conducts periodic and emergency inspections of structures and reports any presence of pests to the Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator.

Makes maintenance-related work order calls to address pest management needs (e.g., to request repair of hole in wall or installation of door sweeps).

Documents details of work performed, including any mechanical or exclusionary measures taken, the name of pesticide applied, the percent of concentration of material applied, and the location of application.

Maintains a Pest Management Log in the school office.

Posts signs where pesticides are used in accordance with IPM guidelines.

Confers with site administrators concerning pest management needs and policy.

Verifies the school's compliance with the IPM notification and posting requirements.

Confers with gardening personnel regarding weed and plant-disease control.

Mixes, handles, transports, stores, and applies pesticides and herbicides in a safe manner in accordance with label directions.

May estimate jobs for time and quantities of materials needed.

Cleans, repairs, adjusts, sets up, and operates pest management equipment.

Drives District vehicles and may tow pest management equipment.

Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

A Pest Management Technician performs pest management work on District properties to control pests and weeds in accordance with the District IPM policy.

A Senior Pest Management Technician assists in the planning, scheduling, and execution of pest management activities and may provide work direction to Pest Management Technicians.

SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from the Integrated Pest Management Program Coordinator. Work direction may be received from a Senior Pest Management Technician. Pest Management Technicians provide general guidance to Plant Managers, Gardeners, and Cafeteria Managers

regarding pest management issues. No supervision is exercised.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Methods, processes, devices, tools, and materials used in structural, landscape, ornamental, turf, and wildlife pest control
- Biology, behavior, ecology, and food preferences of arthropods, insects, rodents, birds, and other pests found in the Los Angeles area
- Structural materials used in general building construction
- Characteristics, care, and maintenance of common ornamental plants
- Methods of control and characteristics of plant diseases, insects, and weeds
- Basic IPM methodologies, local ordinances, and State and federal laws governing structural, ornamental, and turf pest management
- Commercially available pesticides and their components
- Safety precautions required when using or handling pesticides and toxic chemicals

Ability to:

- Recognize and evaluate pest-infested areas of structures or plants
- Find and eradicate insects, rodents, and other pests, as well as weeds
- Mix, pour, handle, and transport pesticides and herbicides used in pest management work according to label directions
- Work effectively with District personnel
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Estimate material and labor costs

Special Physical Requirement:

- Ability to stand, walk, bend, crawl, climb to a height of 40 feet, reach overhead, crouch, kneel, balance, push, pull, and safely lift up and carry items weighing up to 70 pounds
- Ability to work safely in confined spaces and at heights including the use of aerial lifts, ladders, scaffolds, and other related equipment
- Normal color vision
- Normal hearing
- Normal visual acuity
- Normal sense of smell

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency.

Experience:

Three years of paid work experience in controlling Branch 2 pests is required. Experience in Branch 3 work is preferable.

Special:

- A valid California Driver License.
- A Structural Pest Control Board Field Representative or Operator's license in Branch 2 (General Pest) is required.

A Branch 3 Field Representative or Operator's license is preferable.

A Qualified Applicator License in Category B (Landscape Maintenance) issued by the California Department of Pesticide Regulations is preferable.

A California Qualified Applicator Certificate in Category A (Residential, Industrial and Institutional) issued by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation is preferable.

SPECIAL NOTE

1. Requires wearing a negative pressure respirator.
2. Employment is subject to medical clearance which meets pertinent provisions of the General Industry Safety orders of the California Code of Regulations regarding protective equipment when exposed to hazardous materials including, but not limited to, asbestos or lead.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and abilities. To the extent permitted by law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.

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