

SEWER MAINTENANCE WORKER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is manual work involving the responsibility for cleaning and maintaining the municipal storm and sanitary sewage collection systems, including pump stations. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher level supervisor with leeway allowed the exercise of independent judgment on carrying out the technical details of the job. Supervision may be exercised over the work of laborers. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Cleans, repairs and maintains storm and sanitary sewers;
Repairs and maintains manholes and catch basins;
Removes obstructions from sewers manually, mechanically, or using high pressure hydraulic equipment;
Operates a variety of equipment and power tools to clean, repair and maintain storm and sanitary sewers;
Maintains pump stations, repairs and maintains pumps, grinders, pump controls and takes flow readings;
Uses hand tools to inspect manholes and sewers;
Makes connections on main pipelines for house laterals;
Opens laterals in emergencies;
Participates in excavation and back-fill activities in connection with above work;
Operates a truck in connection with above work;
May operate tapping machines, pumps, compressors, air hammers and caulking guns.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of the common practices, principles, terminology and safety precautions used in the maintenance of a municipal sewage collection system including an understanding of pumps and pumping systems;
Working knowledge of the use of tools and equipment required in the construction and repair of a municipal sewage system;
Ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods, occasionally under adverse weather conditions;
Willingness to report for emergencies and regularly scheduled overtime;
Ability to operate a variety of motor equipment;

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

One year of experience assisting in plumbing work or in the maintenance of a public or private sewage collection system.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license appropriate for the vehicles operated.