

Public Works Water Technician

Job Description

Job Title: Public Works Water Technician

Department: Public Works

Location: Royal City, Washington

Reports To: Public Works Director or Supervisor

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$70,000 per year

Hours: Full-Time (40 hours/week), with occasional evenings/weekends for emergencies or scheduled maintenance

Position Summary:

- The Public Works Water Technician is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the town's water distribution system and related infrastructure. This position supports the delivery of safe, clean, and reliable drinking water to residents and businesses and ensures compliance with local, state, and federal water quality standards. The technician may also assist with public works tasks, including streets, sewer, and stormwater systems. Other duties as assigned by Public Works Director. (Small crew, every public works employee is involved in all types of work)
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Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operate, inspect, and maintain water distribution systems, including pumps, valves, hydrants, meters, reservoirs, and mains.
- Perform daily water sampling and testing to ensure compliance with Washington State Department of Health (DOH) regulations.
- Read, install, repair, and test water meters and backflow prevention devices.
- Monitor and respond to system alarms, leaks, or pressure issues; perform emergency repairs as needed.
- Maintain accurate records of inspections, maintenance, repairs, and water quality testing.
- Assist in water line installations and service connections.
- Conduct leak detection and respond to customer complaints related to water service.
- Operate a variety of equipment and tools including trucks, excavation equipment, and hand tools.
- Assist in snow removal, road maintenance, sewer/stormwater system tasks, and other public works duties as assigned.
- Participate in on-call rotation for after-hours emergencies.

Qualifications:

Required:

- High school diploma or GED
- Valid Washington State Driver's License (Class B CDL preferred or ability to obtain within 6 months)
- Washington State Water Distribution Manager I (WDM I) certification, or ability to obtain within 12 months of hire
- Basic knowledge of water distribution systems, plumbing, and equipment maintenance
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and work outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Strong communication, recordkeeping, and problem-solving skills

Preferred:

- Cross-connection control certification
- Flagging and First Aid/CPR certifications
- Experience with GIS or asset management software
- Previous municipal or utility work experience

Working Conditions:

- Work is performed indoors and outdoors in all types of weather.
- Exposure to loud noise, hazardous chemicals, confined spaces, and moving equipment.
- May require working evenings, weekends, or holidays during emergencies or seasonal events.

Benefits:

- Health, dental, and vision insurance
- State retirement (PERS)
- Paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays
- Training and certification reimbursement opportunities