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Irrigation Trainee

\$15.00 - \$18.00/hour depending on knowledge and experience

Full-time 35–40 hours/week (weather dependent)

Duration: February – November with potential for winter work

Seeking enthusiastic person to round out our professional landscape team who is committed to learning and implementing sustainable/ecological gardening practices. Irrigation work includes helping to install & retrofit designs, troubleshooting irrigation problems, making basic repairs and conducting spring turn-on adjustments and fall blow out for winterization. In addition, this person may be involved in other aspects of landscaping when irrigation work is not pending.

Duties

Work with supervisor to ensure accurate, efficient repairs to irrigation systems as needed.

Discussing client requests with supervisor before completing work and following up with all assigned work orders.

Pricing out repairs and estimates for various jobs.

Work with supervisor to create and update hydro zone maps to keep in client files.

Winterizing properties to prevent irrigation pipes from freezing.

Completing daily work logs.

Maintaining safe working conditions on job sites.

Managing all tools and equipment in vehicle, keeping it clean, organized and well stocked with essential supplies.

Performing other duties as assigned.

Desired Experience/Skills

Previous experience installing commercial or residential irrigation systems preferred, but not required; we will train you and offer opportunities for promotion. Knowledge or willingness to learn how to apply water conservation strategies to irrigation systems.

Problem solving and effective communication skills.

Caring, safe and committed to high quality work.

Ability to multi-task and manage time effectively with a crew.

Familiarity or willingness to learn to operate sod cutters, bobcats, mowers, weed whackers, etc.

Working Conditions

Must have ability to do physical labor and other strenuous repetitive physical tasks; easily lift 40lbs, stand, stoop, kneel and material handling for extended time periods. Work occurs approximately March through November in all types of weather; however, some part-time work is available during the winter, depending on crew and YGC needs.

Benefits

After one year with the company employees are eligible for sick days and paid vacation. Opportunities for growth include regular staff trainings and promotion potential. Irrigation truck provided from office. Employees also get snacks, occasional free produce and flexible part-time work schedules. Must have valid Oregon driver's license and clean driving record and pass criminal history check. Individuals with leadership skills qualify for growth as a Crew Leader and/or Irrigation Technician.

About the Company

This is an opportunity to grow with a company that cares. At Your Garden Companion, our goal is to save the planet by conserving water, increasing biodiversity, reducing toxins, restoring soil ecology and increasing native habitats for all species in Central Oregon. We also manage a demonstration garden with integrated permaculture practices. If you are interested in sustainability and want to learn new skills, but may not have as much experience, we will train you as part of the crew.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement

YGC is committed to providing a safe, comfortable and productive work environment for its employees. YGC requires all staff to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Accommodations for exemptions will be provided as required by law.

To Apply

Email a cover letter, resume and 3 professional references to info@yourgardencompanion.com. Positions open until filled, however most seasonal positions are filled in the spring and early summer. Let us know your schedule and apply early. We look forward to meeting you and helping you grow!

Thank you for applying,
Yvonne Babb, Owner, Designer, Land Steward