

The town of Merrimac is looking to hire a full-time (40hours/week) Sewer
Department Laborer.

The rate of pay is \$22.69/hour.

Full description available on the town's
website: www.townofmerrimac.com/employment-opportunities.

Send completed resumes and application to Chris Perkins at
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SEWER LABORER

Position Purpose:

The purpose of this position is to perform skilled manual and technical work in connection with sewer system construction and maintenance programs. Installs, repairs and maintains sewer lines, services and related structures; performs all other related work as required.

Supervision:

Supervision Scope: Performs responsible functions in accordance with established procedures and techniques, requiring some independent judgment in evaluating problem conditions and in determining repair methods.

Supervision Received: Works under the general supervision of the Superintendent.

Supervision Given: None

Job Environment:

Work is performed in all weather conditions with exposure to hazards associated with chemicals, trenches, construction sites, extreme weather conditions and equipment operation; work environment can be very noisy. Frequent exposure to wastewater, septage, bio-solids. Regularly works in confined spaces.

Operates hand tools including pick and shovel; operates power tools including drills, pipe cutter, pipe locator, leak locator, mechanical rodder, and tapping machine; operates light and heavy motorized vehicles such as truck and hydraulic jetter, front-end loader, and backhoe. Operates all other related equipment in construction and maintenance projects.

Makes frequent routine contacts with the general public requiring courtesy in responding to complaints and in reading and repairing meters; makes periodic contacts with other town departments, and utilities to cooperate on public works related activities.

Errors could result in inadequate service delivery, damage to equipment and facilities, and potential danger to public health; errors may be costly to correct.

Essential Functions:

(The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.)

Works with field crews and participates in the construction, repair and maintenance of town sewer lines and services; installs service lines, hydrants, valves, and pumps; excavates trenches and backfills excavations; repairs related structures.

Operates tapping machine, backhoe, front-end loader, sewer rodding and sewer jet equipment and hand operating equipment and power tools. Marks locations of underground sewer lines in

conformance with Dig Safe regulations. Prepares rough sketches of work performed and submits to supervisor.

Installs sewer mains and services; may rod and clean segments of a sanitary sewer which may not be accessible to the vehicle which cleans by flushing the sewer under hydraulic pressure.

Responds to routine customer inquiries and requests related to installation and repair activities.

Responds to after hour sewer and snow emergencies to assist in emergency sewer system repairs and to operate snow plowing/removal equipment.

Installs and repairs meters; investigates readings for possible error, equipment failure, or customer facilities malfunction; conducts check for water main leaks for residents in response to their requests.

May assist in maintaining sewer pumping stations and in taking/recording station readings.

Performs basic tool and equipment maintenance.

Performs all duties in accordance with applicable safety regulations.

Undertakes special projects and assignments; performs similar or related work as required, directed or as situation dictates.

Recommended Minimum Qualifications

Education, Training and Experience:

High school diploma or equivalency; two-three years experience in municipal water and sewer system operations; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirements:

Hoisting Engineer's License Recommended

Knowledge, Ability and Skill:

Knowledge: General knowledge of the principles, procedures and techniques of sewer system operations. Working knowledge of the construction, and procedures for underground structures in the Town's sewage collection. Working knowledge of State regulations affecting system operations. General knowledge of related work assignments in the labor force of a department of public works. Familiarity with the Town's geography.

Ability: Strong mechanical abilities. Ability to respond to inquiries and complaints with discretion and tact. Ability to work calmly and effectively under emergency conditions. Ability to work with schematic maps and maintain service records.

Skill: Skill in operating heavy motorized equipment near underground utility lines. Skill in all of the above tools and equipment. Good customer service skills.

Physical Requirements:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Work requires constant heavy and strenuous physical effort. The incumbent must have the physical ability to use hand and power tools, and to operate heavy construction and maintenance equipment for long periods of time during all types of weather conditions. This position requires the physical ability to frequently lift heavy materials in excess of 100 pounds, utilizing proper body mechanics and techniques. Physical agility to access all areas at a construction site. Work may involve recurring applications of considerable physical effort, such as lifting, jumping, and occasional awkward positions. Continuous walking, standing, climbing, frequent periods requiring sustained uncomfortable physical positions; works in cramped quarters.

(This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.)