

CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Job Description

JOB TITLE: Education Garden Assistant

REPORTS TO: Conservation Horticulturist

STATUS: Non-Exempt

JOB SUMMARY:

This position is responsible for assisting in maintaining plants and landscape in the District's Education Garden as well as providing assistance for education workshops, classes, garden fairs, etc.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Provides care for existing plant material through routine pruning, deadheading, mulching, weed management, disease and pest prevention and control, etc., as instructed by the garden horticulturist.
2. Transplants, plants, and divides various plant species according to needs and specifications given by the horticulturist.
3. Conveys information to the public about water conservation and water-efficient landscape principles according to training from the District.
4. Monitors daily public activity in the Education Garden to help protect garden plants and grounds.
5. Refers garden visitors to other conservation materials and programs such as the Slow The Flow Water Check program and the rebate program.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Performs other related duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS:

Ability to apply basic understanding of gardening techniques, water-efficient plant species and landscape water conservation.

Ability to apply basic knowledge of horticulture principles, plant identification skills and irrigation design (emphasis on water-efficient landscaping practices) in the maintenance and communication of Education Garden programs and activities.

Ability to courteously deal with staff, the public and others in answering questions, providing tours, and assisting with garden functions and educational classes.

Ability to apply basic conservation methods and techniques.

Ability to communicate with others and develop group and/or personalized instruction adapted to the comprehension of garden and workshop participants.

Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with employees, the public and other private and public sector organizations.

Ability to work a full-time work schedule (40 hours per week); to be punctual; to work late evenings, weekends and holidays.

Ability to lift 1-25 pounds regularly and to lift up to 50 pounds occasionally.

Ability to operate small equipment in the care of the garden, to mow small areas of turf, trim, etc.

Ability to stoop, bend, turn at the waist to perform various garden duties such as weeding, pruning, planting, sweeping, etc.

Ability to identify and distinguish colors; to exercise vision clarity at 20 feet or more and 20 inches or less.

Ability to frequently work in warm temperatures outside during the summer months; to routinely be subject to temperatures above 90 degrees and periodically to temperatures above 100 degrees.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:

Academic background in horticulture, agriculture, botany, or related field.