

WATER MAINTAINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is semi-skilled work involving performance of a variety of tasks in connection with the maintenance, repair and extension of water distribution lines. Work is performed under the direct supervision of the Water Maintenance Supervisor who reviews completed work. Supervision may be exercised over the work of laborers on specific projects. A Water Distribution Maintainer does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Oversees excavations and backfills;
- Makes taps on water mains for service to consumers;
- Makes large taps for new hydrants, main extensions and fire lines;
- Tests for and locates leaks in mains or service connections;
- Repairs and installs hydrants, mains, services, valves and pumps;
- Inspects and lubricates hydrants;
- Drives a dump truck in connection with above duties;
- Assists in locating, raising, lowering, setting and repairing valves;
- Shuts off and turns on water pumps;
- Cares for tools, supplies and equipment;
- Performs a variety of semi-skilled sewer and water plant repairs.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of the common practices, tools and terminology related to the maintenance of the water distribution system. Must have the ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions, be able to withstand heavy labor for extended periods during emergencies and be in good physical condition.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: One year of experience as a plumber's helper/assistant or two years as a laborer in the maintenance of a water distribution system.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

- Possession and maintenance of a valid driver's license.
- In facilities where required, possession and maintenance of the appropriate level New York State commercial driver's license.

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