

Utility Maintenance Technician
Town of Amherst
174 South Main Street, Amherst, VA 24521
From \$42,095.45 a year - Full-time

To Apply:

Complete the Town of Amherst Application at <https://amherstva.gov/.../huma.../printable-job-application/>

and emailed to townhall@amherstva.gov or dropped off in office at 174 S. Main St., Amherst, VA 24521

Or

Make application through Indeed.com at [Utility Maintenance Technician - Amherst, VA 24521 - Indeed.com](#)

Full job description

General Definition of Work

As part of a cohesive team, performs intermediate semi-skilled work in the construction, replacement, repair, installation and cleaning of the Town's sanitary sewer and water distribution systems and facilities, and related work as apparent or assigned. Responsible for the cultivation and care of the landscaping and grounds surrounding Town buildings and any Town owned property. Plants flowers, mows, pulls weeds, repairs structures, and maintains outside of buildings and all Town owned property. Work is performed under the moderate supervision of the Senior Utility Maintenance Technician and Maintenance Foreman.

Essential Functions

Installs, repairs, cleans and inspects water and sewer mains, meter, hydrants, valves, cleanouts and other equipment; locates water/sewer lines; participates in sewer and water taps and repairs and related emergencies.

Operates medium and heavy equipment including back hoe, jet-vac, dump truck, etc.; operates excavating equipment as needed.

Maintains Town rights of way and access roads; performs Town beautification, streetscape and related assignments.

Perform groundskeeping and building maintenance duties; mow lawn with weed eater, push mower or using a riding lawnmower; trim and edge around walks, flower beds, and walls; rake, mulch, and prune the grounds as needed; trim shrubs and pull weeds, cut down tree limbs that are posing a danger, and water plants and grass as needed.

Apply pesticide to rid grounds of pests such as mosquitos, wasps, ticks, and others.

Perform minor repairs and maintenance procedures on equipment utilized in groundskeeping.

Install rock, cement, lighting, water, and furniture.

Reads water meters; terminates water service for non-payment; restores water service; utilizes work order system.

Locates water and sewer lines for Miss Utility (VA 811).

Assists with the operation of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants when needed; performs equipment installations, maintenance and repairs, and preventive maintenance.

Maintains and tests/resets meter antennas for connectivity and replaces when required.
Removes snow and ice from Town properties and access roads. Shovels snow from walkways and sprinkles ice down to keep people from falling.
Performs on-call and stand-by after hour duties as requested.
Performs special projects as assigned by the Director of Public Utilities.
Installs traffic barricades for routing traffic during special events.
Responds to customer inquiries and complaints; takes necessary action; relays more complex problems to supervisor.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

General knowledge of the tools, materials and equipment used in the installation, replacement, maintenance and repair of utility lines; general knowledge of a variety of maintenance and manual tasks involved in the installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of utility lines and appurtenances; thorough knowledge in the use of common hand and power tools; ability to operate backhoe and other medium construction equipment; ability to perform manual and semi-skilled labor for extended periods, often under unfavorable weather conditions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, contractors and the general public.

Education and Experience

High school diploma or GED and moderate experience in the maintenance, repair and/or construction of water and sewer lines, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Physical Requirements

This work requires the regular exertion of up to 10 pounds of force, frequent exertion of up to 25 pounds of force and occasional exertion of up to 100 pounds of force; work regularly requires standing, walking, using hands to finger, handle or feel, stooping, kneeling, crouching or crawling, reaching with hands and arms, pushing or pulling, lifting and repetitive motions, frequently requires speaking or hearing and climbing or balancing and occasionally requires sitting and tasting or smelling; work requires ability to adjust focus, depth perception and peripheral vision; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; work requires preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, using of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts within arm's length, operating machines, operating motor vehicles or equipment and observing general surroundings and activities; work regularly requires exposure to wet humid conditions (non-weather), working near moving mechanical parts and exposure to outdoor weather conditions, frequently requires exposure to fumes or airborne particles, exposure to the risk of electrical shock, exposure to vibration and exposure to blood borne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment and occasionally requires working in high, precarious places, exposure to toxic or caustic chemicals, exposure to extreme heat (non-weather), working with explosives and wearing a self-contained breathing apparatus; work is generally in a loud noise location (e.g. grounds maintenance, heavy traffic).

Special Requirements

Obtain CPR/First Aid, DOT Flagger, and Work Zone Safety certifications within one year of employment.

Obtain Virginia Pesticide Applicator license within one year of employment.

Complete Blood Borne Pathogens, Confined Space and Lockout Tag Out training within one year of employment.

Ability to obtain Class V Water and Class IV Wastewater license within two years of employment.

Valid commercial driver's license with Class B endorsement in the Commonwealth of Virginia, or the ability to obtain within six months of employment.

Pay: From \$42,095.45 per year

Benefits:

- Dental insurance
- Health insurance
- On-the-job training
- Paid time off
- Parental leave
- Professional development assistance
- Retirement plan
- Tuition reimbursement
- Vision insurance

Work Location: In person