

# City of Whitewater

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## City of Whitewater Job Description

### City Maintenance/Public Works

#### Position Overview

The City of Whitewater Maintenance/Public Works employee is expected to be physically fit, be able to pay attention to detail and have the ability to complete such duties with minimal amount of supervision.

A variety of skills and tasks will be expected from this individual to solve various issues or needs of the city. The ability to work in confined spaces but also work outdoors. Knowing and understanding instruction from supervisor & a desire to complete tasks assigned to the best of their ability.

Physically a worker will work in & around raw sewage & wastewater, chlorine & waste fumes, as well as, sewer gasses. Working with toxic substances. Constant exposure to the sun, walking on uneven and/or slippery surfaces, bending, kneeling, squatting, twisting along with exposure to airborne dust & loud noises. Frequently climbing of ladders of up to 12' above ground, and occasionally lifting up to or more than 75lbs., lifting above shoulders, climbing in/out of ditches. Repetitive hand motions, hear verbal instructions, turn valves, lift & carry pipes, dig ditches, small motor skills and climbing flights of stairs.

Following safety protocols and collaboration with colleagues are essential. One should be able to communicate well with colleagues and the public.

**Working Knowledge:** Shovel, rake, trucks, power tools, weed eater, painting equipment, hammer, wrench, pry-bar, pipe cutter, back-hoe (ability to learn to operate), riding lawn mower, push mower, leaf blower, gasoline, diesel and motor oils, cement products, earth materials (including the dust), latex paint, water, brass parts, cast iron pipe, aluminum and galvanized parts, PVC pipe products, ABS pipe products, glues and primers, old lead pipe joints, asbestos cement pipe, epoxy glues, cleaners, & disinfectants.

**Special Requirements:** Take & Pass the Kansas Small System Water Supply Operator Certification examination from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) after 6 months of employment.

Take & Pass a Kansas Class 1 Certified Wastewater Treatment Operator examination from the KDHE after 1 year of employment.

#### DUTIES:

##### Day to Day

- Read water meters
- Work in/& around raw sewage/ wastewater.
- Manual digging & excavating
- Parks & Facility Maintenance/upkeep
- City building Maintenance/upkeep
- Respond to water & sewer calls 24/7 & determine course of action.
- Clear minor sewer blockage & call help for larger problems
- Set up barricades for Fall Festival
- Clean & maintain equipment
- Paint street markings
- Street sign maintenance
- Assist others as needed
- Safe work habits

#### Requirements

- High school graduate or GED
- Valid/Current drivers license
- Skilled/semi-skilled in maintenance, construction & repair
- Operate pick-ups, trucks & moderately light power-driven equipment
- Ability to use hand & power tools and equipment
- Able to perform heavy manual labor for long periods of time under unfavorable conditions
- Read & write
- Work with others & the public
- Ability to learn