



WHITWORTH WATER DISTRICT

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Position: **Water Maintenance I - II**
Opens September 01, 2020 and Closes September 30, 2020

Certifications:

State Approved Water Distribution Specialist I preferred but not required.

High School Graduate

Washington State Driver's License

Washington State Commercial Driver's License with endorsement for combinations and air brakes within 12 months after hire.

Qualifications:

- Excellent public relations and communication skills
- Ability to follow detailed oral and written instructions
- Ability to perform math computations
- Clear driving record
- Two years of experience in the field of water maintenance, may be substituted for similar experience at General Manager's discretion

Condition of Employment:

- Successful completion of physical exam which includes a drug screening test by first-time hires. Applicants who refuse to take the drug test or physical examination will be considered ineligible for Whitworth Water District employment for one year. An existing employee on disciplinary probation shall be ineligible for promotional examinations and promotions.

Nature of Work:

- Perform duties assigned and possess the ability to develop skills in the tapping of water service lines, installation of water meters, maintenance of water distribution system, meter reading, service, and repair, and construction of a water distribution system. The work is heavy in nature, performed under adverse weather conditions and requires normal mental and visual strain. Establish and maintain excellent public relations with customers and resolve customer problems in a positive manner.
- Employee is subject to respond to call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for emergency water problems as well as to complete essential work at the end of a normal eight-hour shift. Employee is also subject to rotational one-week periods of after hour call outs.

Physical Requirements:

- Good physical condition and health



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- See well enough to read fine print and detect color in order to do detailed work like wiring ARB meter hookups.
- Hear and speak well enough to converse on the phone and radio
- Body movement to walk, stoop and crawl in attics and under houses
- Able to climb water tanks up to 125 feet high.
- Manual dexterity to write legibly and perform detailed field tasks.
- Strength to lift, carry, drag and operate equipment, like a jack hammer, weighing up to 90 pounds.
- Stamina to work for up to 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, and during emergency operations as deemed necessary.
- Tolerance to work under adverse conditions like in dust and pollen, outdoors in heat and cold, and in confined, awkward spaces.

Duties and Responsibilities:

This position is designed to provide support and assistance and the duties do not necessarily reflect a job classification. The individual will be expected to have an ability to learn skills in areas as follows:

- Knowledge of methods, material, equipment and techniques used in the construction and repair of water mains and services.
- Knowledge of methods, material, equipment, and techniques used in the repair and maintenance of water mains, hydrants, valves, and related equipment.
- Knowledge of methods, material, equipment and techniques used in the tapping of water service lines and in the installation, servicing, and field repair of water meters.
- Knowledge of the methods and procedures for testing, servicing, and repairing of such meters.
- Knowledge of the equipment and tools incidental to the assigned work and the ability to operate them.
- Acquire working knowledge of how to restart or shut down pumps or booster stations in an emergency situation.
- Acquire working knowledge of how to recognize when there is a problem at a pump or booster station or reservoir.
- Knowledge of the water system of Whitworth Water District including location and size of mains, hydrants, and valves.
- Knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Water District.
- Knowledge of the occupational hazards and their necessary safety precautions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective public and employee relations.



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- Deal with public effectively and courteously.
- Perform assigned work accurately and independently.
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Maintain departmental records promptly and with high degree of accuracy.
- Maintain a good personal appearance.
- Provide On-Call responsibilities on a rotation basis including reciprocal coverage for others.
- Perform those tasks deemed necessary by the Maintenance Superintendent or designee.

Note: It is not the intent of this job description to list every task involved in this position; there will be other duties involved that are not listed but are still required to be performed.

Salary and Benefits: \$21.56 – \$25.49 per hour dependent on qualifications
Full Medical, Dental, State Retirement Plan, Sick, Vacation and Holiday

Probation: Six (6) month probation period.

Apply: Fill out and send job application and cover letter attn: Tom McInerney
tomm@whitworthwater.com
Application can be found at:
<https://whitworthwater.com/employment-opportunities/>

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

As an “equal opportunity employer” Whitworth Water District prohibits discrimination in employment based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, disability, retaliation, sexual orientation/gender identity, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.