

CITY OF FALL RIVER
JOB POSTING

The City of Fall River Water Maintenance Division has the following vacancy:

Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Title: Water Maintenance Worker II– 16B
Water Maintenance Worker I – 19B
Water Maintenance Worker I – 20B CDL or Backhoe
Water Maintenance Worker I – 22B CDL and Backhoe

Salary: 16B - \$1,259.39-\$1,373.60 biweekly
19B - \$1,362.25-\$1,482.21 biweekly
20B - \$1,402.21-\$1,522.20 biweekly
22B - \$1,482.21-\$1,607.96 biweekly

Hours: Monday through Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Please submit your letter of interest and resume to Olga Correia, One Government Center Room 326, Fall River, MA 02722 or e-mail to ocorreia@fallriverma.org.

Open until position is filled.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Under the direction of the Chief Water Service Worker as delegated by the Mayor to the City Administrator to the Administrator of Public Utilities to the Director of Water Distribution and Maintenance, to the Supervisor of Water Distribution and Maintenance, to perform and/or supervise work in the construction maintenance and operation of water systems and/or sewer systems; to perform related tasks as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Work involves providing timely and efficient service to the people of the City for a variety of duties which include performing and/or supervising work in the construction, maintenance and operation of water systems and/or sewer systems; to be responsible for conformance to city, state standards and policies and directives promulgated by the Administrator of Public Utilities for all work for which s/he is responsible; this work is performed with some latitude in independent judgment and is subject to periodic review by the Director of Water Distribution and Maintenance in consultation with the immediate supervisor; to coordinate the work for which s/his is responsible with the work of coworkers; to engage in supervisory activities of workers of lesser grade when so assigned; and to perform other related tasks as assigned.

- Performs skilled manual work in the construction, operation and maintenance of either water and/or sewer systems including work on reservoirs, water gates, sewers, side sewers, drains, mains and connectors;
- Lays and connects service pipes with street mains and meters;

- Lays and connects sewer pipes;
- Locates and repairs water or sewer leaks;
- Installs fire hydrants;
- Operates water gates;
- Turns on water for new service;
- Inspects work of laborers and maintenance men (Water Service Workers, II and III) to see that it conforms to specifications and blueprints;
- Installs, repairs and tests water meters on a part-time basis;
- Operates related motor equipment;
- Incidentally may supervise a small crew of workers at a lower skill level;
- Performs related work as assigned;
- May perform the following adjunct duties as assigned;
- Performs semi-skilled manual work in the construction, operation and maintenance of either water and/or sewer systems including work on reservoirs, water gates, sewers, side sewers, drains, mains, and connectors;
- Cuts, lays and caulks water, sewer, or drain pipes using machine or hand tools to force sealing compound into joints to make them watertight;
- Performs masonry duties in the construction of catch basins and other system brickwork structures;
- Pumps water from trenches;
- Digs, braces, and backfills excavations for the purpose of locating pipe leaks or preparing areas for laying pipes;
- On a part-time basis, reads water meters and checks them for over and/or under registration;
- Replaces worn and broken parts in water and sewer systems;

- May work with private contractors to help them avoid hitting water or sewer mains and boxes during construction and excavation;
- Takes apart and reassembles hydrants and valve mechanisms for the purpose of repairing worn or broken parts that cause leaks or other malfunctions;
- Lubricates valves and adjusts their settings;
- Inspects hydrant rods, thrust plates, nozzles, packing and glands and other parts on a regular basis;
- After fires, inspects hydrants to insure that the water level such so that freezing will not occur; when freezing occurs, that out hydrant;
- Repairs and replaces gates and curb boxes and performs routine maintenance on them;
- Builds “man” holes and catch basins in water and sewer systems;
- Raises and lowers “man” hole covers;
- Sets up guidelines for setting brick into mortar, spreads mortar and places brick or cement blocks in place and checks to see work is accordance with specifications and blueprints;
- Repairs and maintains “man” holes, catch basins and other water sewer structures;
- Estimates equipment, materials and supplies needed to complete a job;
- Cleans out sludge, trash and much from sewers;
- Removes lid or gratings;
- Climbs down into catch basin and removes disposes of solid substances from sewer and removes such substances from all parts of the sewer and water systems;
- Prepares ditches and excavations for laying pipes;
- Lays glazed or unglazed clay, concrete or iron or other metal pipes;
- Does pick and shovel work in smoothing bottom of trenches;
- Receives pipe being lowered from above the trench and makes the connection with the pipeline;

- Caulks the joints and seals all connections;
- Taps water mains;
- May replace broken or leaking pipes and performs pipe maintenance tasks;
- Performs masonry and concrete work and may paint pipe bridges;
- Operates all motor equipment including those with a capacity of 9 tons or over, including a range of equipment such as large and small tractors, road sweepers, snow loaders, leaf loaders, snow fighters, sidewalk rollers, road flushers, sidewalk plows and sweepers, bulldozers and rollers, pick-up trucks, dump trucks and panel trucks, and passenger automobiles; semi-trailers, truck-trailer combinations, and special equipment such as road rollers, rotary snow plows, mobile highway graders, mobile bituminous spreaders and tar distributors.
- Operation of equipment in this class usually requires a Class I license from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Positions in this class also operate hoisting equipment where a special license from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety is required and when the operation of this equipment is not a primary duty.
- Performs related tasks as assigned.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS:

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with peers and subordinates and supervisors; ability to work cooperatively and harmoniously with other city employees and the general public; a positive “can-do” attitude; ability to observe necessary safety precautions; willingness to work overtime hours as required; a Class I motor vehicle license; ability to perform basic mathematical calculations as required by duties described above; ability to express self clearly orally; ability to coordinate reporting activities into a computer input format; ability to use small hand tools as well as specialized tools; ability to perform duties with some latitude for independent judgment under indirect supervision.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Graduation from an accredited standard high school; graduation from a vocational/technical high school preferred; GED equivalent acceptable; two years’ experience in similar work required, with of experience/training will be considered.