

Job Title: Water & Sewer Operator

Department: Water & Sewer Department

Location: City of Washington, Georgia

Position Summary

The Water & Sewer Operator is responsible for assisting with the operation, maintenance, and repair of the City of Washington's water distribution and wastewater collection systems. This position helps ensure safe drinking water delivery and proper wastewater management for residents and businesses. Work includes installing and repairing water and sewer lines, maintaining system infrastructure, and responding to service calls and emergencies.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with installation, maintenance, and repair of water and sewer lines, valves, hydrants, and service connections.
- Operate equipment used in water and sewer system maintenance, including pumps, backhoes, trenchers, and other tools.
- Locate water and sewer lines for contractors and residents as needed.
- Respond to water leaks, sewer backups, and other system emergencies.
- Assist with water main repairs and service line installations.
- Maintain and repair fire hydrants and valves throughout the city.
- Perform routine inspections and maintenance on equipment and infrastructure.
- Read water meters and assist with meter maintenance when needed.
- Follow all safety procedures and department policies.
- Assist with road repairs, ditch work, and restoration after line repairs.
- Maintain accurate records of work completed and materials used.
- Participate in on-call rotation for emergency response when required.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED required.

- Experience in water distribution, wastewater systems, or construction preferred but not required.
- Ability to operate heavy equipment and hand tools.
- Valid driver's license required (CDL preferred or ability to obtain).
- Ability to obtain Georgia Water Distribution and/or Wastewater Collection certification within a specified time frame.
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions and perform physically demanding tasks.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of basic plumbing, construction, or underground utilities.
- Ability to follow written and verbal instructions.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- Strong problem-solving and mechanical skills.
- Ability to respond to emergency situations when necessary.

Physical Requirements

- Frequent lifting of heavy materials (50+ pounds).
- Standing, bending, digging, and working in trenches.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Work Schedule

Typically Monday – Friday, with occasional nights, weekends, and on-call duty for emergency repairs.