

Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourers

Description

Landscaping and grounds maintenance labourers perform work to assist in the construction of landscapes and related structures, and to maintain lawns, gardens, athletic fields, golf courses, cemeteries, parks, landscaped interiors and other landscaped areas. They are employed by landscaping and lawn care companies, golf courses, cemeteries, and landscaping operations of public works departments and private establishments.

Duties:

- Spread top soil, lay sod, plant flowers, grass, shrubs and trees and perform other duties to assist with the construction of a landscape and related structures
- Cut grass, rake, aerate, dethatch, fertilize and water lawns, weed gardens, prune shrubs and trees and perform other maintenance duties as directed by supervisor
- Maintain lawns and grass along roadsides
- Operate and maintain power mowers, tractors, chain saws, electric clippers, sod cutters, pruning saws, snowblowers and other landscape maintenance equipment
- Spray and dust trees, shrubs, lawns and gardens, as directed, to control insects and disease
- Perform other manual duties to clean and maintain landscaped environments.

Other titles:

- landscape labourer
- gardening helper
- grounds maintenance worker
- golf course worker
- sod layer
- park maintenance worker
- grass cutter
- park maintenance labourer
- transplanter – landscape maintenance
- bulb planter – landscaping
- cemetery labourer

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills

Physical stamina	Equipment maintenance	Reliability	Dexterity	Able to work independently
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Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Some secondary school may be required

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- Not required

Certification

- A provincial license to apply chemical fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides and pesticides may be required.

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as landscaping and grounds maintenance Labourers are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POR)	Average Wages and Salaries (POR)	Median Wages and Salaries (POW)	Average Wages and Salaries (POW)
\$12,611	\$18,991	\$13,915	\$20,849

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
9130 Local, municipal and regional public administration	175	245

(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Sector Report)

Additional Resources

- Pesticide licenses: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/pesticide-licences-and-permits>