
Job Description: Horticulturist

Tierra Madre Inc. is a design and build landscape company specializing in high-end residential properties. We are seeking an experienced Horticulturist who is passionate about plants and is committed to providing excellent service.

Job Duties

The Horticulturist will perform, implement and maintain all areas related to horticulture and landscape management and design, including

- Making and carrying out decisions regarding pruning, planting and placement in ornamental, vegetable and fruit gardens
- Using proper pruning techniques to encourage health and proper shape of shrubs and trees
- Identifying and diagnosing problems with plant diseases and recommending corrective actions
- Adjusting irrigation according to season and planting requirements
- Coordinating with maintenance crew to schedule fertilizing, pest control, irrigation repair and other duties
- Selecting and purchasing appropriate plants for color, interest and variety, ensuring they are suitable to growing conditions at the designated site
- Documenting purchases, design decisions and generating time reports
- Interacting with clients both by email and personally
- Developing and leading pruning, plant care and edible garden classes for clients
- Using and maintaining appropriate garden and landscape maintenance tools such as pruners, hedge clippers, shovels, hoes

Requirements

- At least three years of horticulture experience or equivalent education or training
- Ability to work quickly and manage time and tasks appropriately
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral
- Demonstrated proficiency in landscape and floral design
- Ability to accurately identify plant species and invasive weeds
- Knowledge of cultural requirements of a wide range of plants, both California native and non-native
- Working knowledge of home vegetable gardening
- Ability to read and interpret landscape design plans
- Working knowledge of irrigation
- A valid California driver's license
- Be able to lift 40 pounds and walk, bend or kneel on a constant basis
- Be able to work in an outside environment in all types of weather

Job Type: Part-time subcontracted work with possibility of becoming part-time staff

Compensation dependent on experience \$25-\$35/hr