

Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Helper (Mechanical)

An entry-level mechanical role supporting wastewater treatment plant maintenance while learning skilled trade work.

The Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP) delivers wastewater treatment services that protect public health and local waterways across Onondaga County, supported by a skilled and dedicated workforce.

WHY YOU?

This position is well suited for individuals who enjoy hands-on mechanical work and want to build skills in equipment maintenance and repair. As a WWTP Maintenance Helper (Mechanical), you'll work alongside experienced mechanics, gain exposure to a wide range of plant equipment, and learn the fundamentals of wastewater treatment facility maintenance. This role offers a strong entry point into a skilled mechanical career within a stable, team-based environment.

WHAT EXACTLY DOES A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE HELPER (MECHANICAL) DO?

A WWTP Maintenance Helper (Mechanical) assists higher-level maintenance staff with the installation, maintenance, and repair of mechanical and process equipment used in wastewater treatment operations. The work involves performing a variety of heavier, less complex, and repetitive tasks while learning more skilled aspects of mechanical maintenance. Under direct supervision, employees gain hands-on experience using tools and equipment commonly associated with plant maintenance and mechanical trades. Does related work as required.

- ❖ Assists more skilled employees in the installation, maintenance, and repair of wastewater treatment plant mechanical equipment, process piping, and related appurtenances by using a variety of tools and equipment in the performance of relatively unskilled tasks.
- ❖ Performs, under the specific instructions and direct supervision of a higher-level employee, the heavier, less difficult, and more repetitive activities and tasks associated with wastewater treatment plant maintenance and related process equipment.
- ❖ Learns to maintain and repair wastewater treatment plant and related process equipment, such as piping, pumps, blowers, conveyors, and motors.
- ❖ Learns to operate tools and equipment used in maintenance and repair work, such as drills, lathes, routers, hydraulic flushers and rodding machines

This list is not exhaustive. Additional duties are outlined in the official job description.

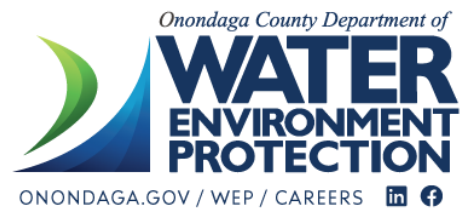
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- One (1) year of work experience or its part-time equivalent, in maintenance and repair work which relates to the overhaul, rebuilding, or repair of motorized or mechanized equipment **or**,
- Satisfactory completion of training of at least one (1) year's duration which relates to the overhaul, rebuilding, or repair of motorized or mechanized equipment; **or**,
- One (1) year of work experience performing unskilled labor in a wastewater treatment facility; **or**,
An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) and (C).

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT

When required to operate a motor vehicle, employees must possess a valid non-CDL or CDL with appropriate endorsements as required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for the class of vehicle being operated.

Onondaga County is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer committed to Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) for all persons.



ANNUAL SALARY

\$ 43,797 – \$48,077

CIVIL SERVICE GRADE

CSEA / 05

POSITION TYPE

Permanent

Full Time

40 hours/week

WEP DIVISION

WWTP Mechanical Maintenance

BENEFITS

- Paid Sick, Personal, and Vacation Leave
- 13 Paid Holidays
- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- NYS Retirement Benefits and Retiree Healthcare
- Flex Spending
- Work - Life Balance
- Professional Development Opportunities

HOW TO APPLY

Access the job posting and application by scanning the QR code or visiting **Onondaga.gov/WEP/careers**.

Email the completed application and resume to **WEPRecruiting@ongov.net** to apply.

