

LANDSCAPER AND GROUNDSKEEPER

Grounds maintenance workers provide a pleasant outdoor environment by ensuring that the grounds of houses, businesses, and parks are attractive, orderly, and healthy.

DUTIES

Grounds maintenance workers typically do the following:

- Mow, edge, and fertilize lawns
- Weed and mulch landscapes
- Trim hedges, shrubs, and small trees
- Remove dead, damaged, or unwanted trees
- Plant flowers, trees, and shrubs
- Water lawns, landscapes, and gardens

Grounds maintenance workers do a variety of tasks to achieve a pleasant and functional outdoor environment. They also care for indoor gardens and plantings in commercial and public facilities, such as malls, hotels, and botanical gardens.

The following are types of grounds maintenance workers:

Landscaping workers create new outdoor spaces or upgrade existing ones by planting trees, flowers, and shrubs. They also trim, fertilize, mulch, and water plants. Some grade and install lawns or construct hardscapes such as walkways, patios, and decks. Others help install lighting or sprinkler systems. Landscaping workers work in a variety of residential and commercial settings, such as homes, apartment buildings, office buildings, shopping malls, and hotels and motels.

Grounds keeping workers, also called *groundskeepers*, maintain existing grounds. They care for plants and trees, rake and mulch leaves, and clear snow from walkways. They work on athletic fields, golf courses, cemeteries, university campuses, and parks, as well as in many of the same settings as landscaping workers. They also see to the proper upkeep and repair of sidewalks, parking lots, grounds keeping equipment, fountains, fences, planters, and benches.



SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$24,890	\$27,830	\$33,300	\$41,330	\$53,700

*Pay period based on yearly amount.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Stable growth rate is estimated to be **10%**

18,550 estimated annual job openings

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