CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Position Title:	**WATER PLANT OPERATOR**
Posting Date:	Friday, October 23, 2026
Closing Date:	Monday, November 9, 2026
Department:	Utilities
Brief Job Description: ***(essential functions of the job)***	• Participates in the daily operation, repair and maintenance of the City's Water Treatment Plant equipment and machinery to provide safe and potable drinking water in accordance with Federal and State regulations. • Performs all skilled and semi-skilled duties required for the proper operation of a public water treatment facility. • Operates controls and electric motors, pumps, valves to regulate and control water flow rates and levels. • Assists in the collection and testing of samples for water quality and making adjustments as necessary. • Enters data into the department's computer system; refills chemical hoppers, loads and unloads chemicals to machines as necessary. • Keeps detailed and accurate written and computer records of testing and maintenance activities. • Attends training sessions as required to maintain abreast of updates or changes in occupational safety requirements. • Participates in the maintenance of the treatment plant facility and immediate grounds and walkways. • Maintains satellite pumping stations as part of the water distribution system.
Minimum Entrance Qualifications:	• Position requires a High School diploma or equivalent and one (1) year of prior work experience, or any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. • Knowledge of water treatment methods and practices and tools and equipment used in the operation and maintenance of a public drinking water treatment plant and satellite pumping stations; working knowledge of safe and efficient operation of equipment, use of chemicals, tools and related machinery. • Ability to identify and resolve problems, prioritize and perform assigned tasks in a detailed, efficient and timely manner; mechanical ability to operate machinery, heavy equipment and hand tools in a safe and efficient manner; ability to handle hazardous chemicals, operate high pressure hoses in a safe manner and to work in confined spaces.

Minimum Entrance Qualifications: ***(continued)***	• Fine motor skills for the operation of tools and equipment; proficient computer skills; proficient oral and written communication skills.
Licenses/Certifications:	• Valid Driver's License is required. • Must obtain a Rhode Island D.O.H. Grade 1T Public Drinking Water Treatment License within one year of hire.
Special Factors:	• Subject to evening, weekend & holiday shift-work.
Pay and Hours Per Week Union Grade: U2 – U4 (dependent upon RI DOH certification level) Min. Salary: $24.90/hour Max. Salary: $33.09/hour **FULL BENEFIT PACKAGE OFFERED** Hours per week: 40	**Submit completed application to:** **Director of Human Resources** **City Hall – 43 Broadway** **Newport, Rhode Island 02840** **hr@newportri.gov**

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