

NOW HIRING –WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR

The City is seeking a dependable and motivated individual to join our team as a Wastewater Plant Operator. This position is responsible for assisting in the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the wastewater treatment system and related facilities. Applications are available at Newton City Hall and online at cityofnewtonil.com. Completed applications, along with a resume, may be submitted to Newton City Hall.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent required
- Good working knowledge of computers
- Basic knowledge of mechanical equipment, machinery, and servicing requirements
- Ability to learn wastewater pumping and treatment processes, including laboratory analysis procedures
- Ability to inspect machinery and equipment in operation and identify operational issues or defects
- Ability to accurately read meters and charts and maintain operational records
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions
- Ability to exercise sound judgment in high-pressure situations
- Physical strength and agility necessary to perform strenuous work in varying weather conditions
- Valid Illinois CDL with air brake endorsement required
- Must obtain an Illinois EPA Class 4 Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification within 18 months of employment

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Work under the direct supervision of the Sewer Plant Department Head
- Monitor and record the performance of equipment, gauges, and charts at the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations
- Collect samples, perform process testing, and evaluate results to ensure proper plant operation
- Clean bar screens and pump raw, primary, and secondary sludge as needed
- Assist with maintenance and repair of wastewater treatment equipment and systems
- Inspect, lubricate, and maintain motors, pumps, screens, gauges, meters, and related equipment
- Treat sludge with chemicals in accordance with operational procedures
- Remove floating solids from settling tanks and dispose of solids from bar screens
- Conduct operational efficiency testing on pumps, screens, meters, settling tanks, and related equipment
- Check flow meter charts, digesters, and pumps for proper operation
- Maintain plant facilities and equipment in a safe and orderly condition
- Perform general maintenance duties including painting, mowing lawns, sweeping floors, and maintaining cleanliness of facilities and grounds
- Perform other related duties as assigned
- The successful candidate must be dependable, safety-conscious, and willing to work in a team-oriented environment.