



CAREER PROFILES

Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourers:

Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Labourers perform work to assist in the construction of landscapes and related structures, and to maintain lawns, gardens, athletic fields, golf courses, cemeteries, parks, landscaped interiors, and other landscaped areas.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$42,150 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$15.01/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Tool use
- Machine operation
- Teamwork
- Detail oriented
- Oral and written communication
- Manual dexterity
- Leadership
- Maintenance
- Work independently
- Marketing
- Time management
- Management
- AutoCAD

Job Duties:

Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourers spread top soil, lay sod, plant flowers, grass, shrubs and trees, and perform other duties to assist with the construction of a landscape and related structures. Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourers cut grass, rake, fertilize, and water lawns, weed gardens, prune shrubs and trees, and perform other maintenance duties as directed by supervisors. They operate and maintain power mowers, tractors, chain saws, electric clippers, sod cutters, pruning saws, snow blowers, and other landscape maintenance equipment. Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourers also spray and dust trees, shrubs, lawns, and gardens, as directed, to control insects and disease.

Working Conditions:

Work takes place outdoors in various weather conditions.

Workers may be exposed to chemicals such as pesticides.

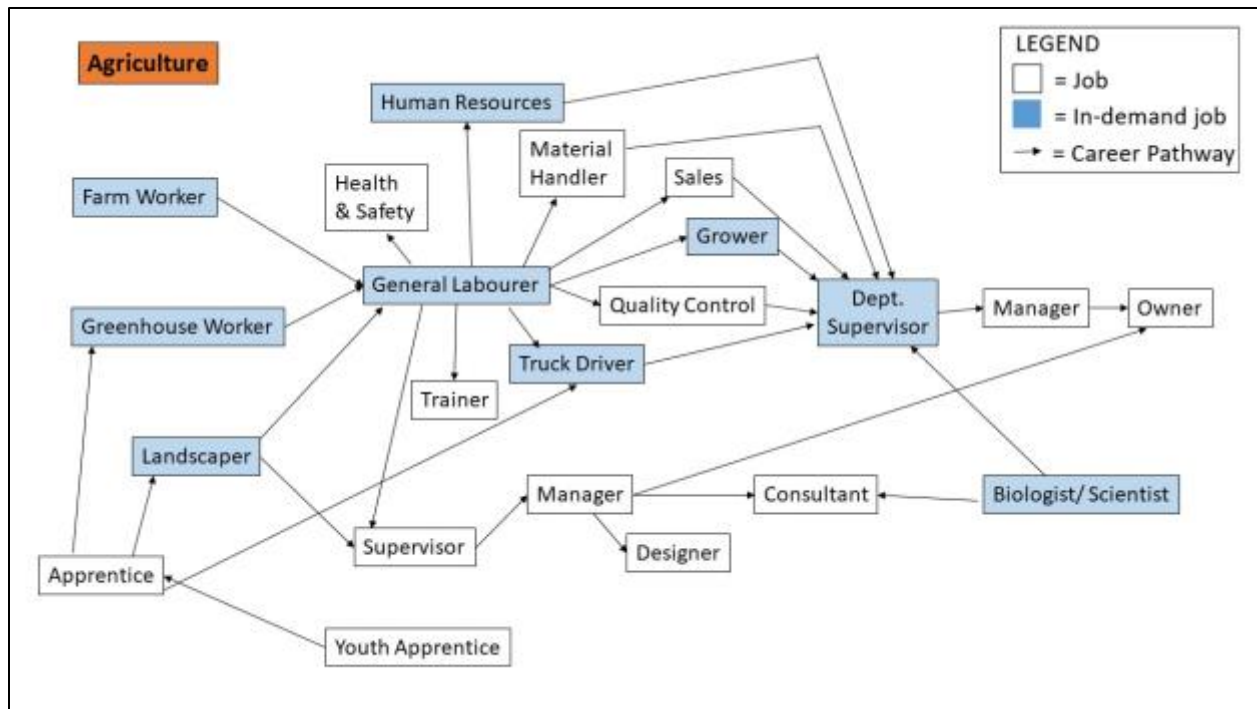
Working with machinery and power tools can be a source of injury.

Career Pathways:

Progression to technical or supervisory occupations in landscaping and horticulture is possible with additional training or experience.

Workers in this field are employed by landscaping and lawn care companies, golf courses, cemeteries, and landscaping operations of public works departments and private establishments. Below are potential career paths for Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourers:

- Bulb Planter – Landscaping
- Cemetery Labourer
- Gardening Helper
- Golf Course Worker
- Grass Cutter
- Grounds Maintenance Worker
- Landscape Labourer
- Maintenance Worker, Parks
- Park Maintenance Labourer
- Sod Layer
- Transplanter – Landscape Maintenance



Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Labourer, you can begin your apprenticeship or attend a local training/education program.

Apprenticeship Details:

Horticultural Technician

- Certification: Voluntary (not required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: Yes
- Training: 6,120 hours of combined on-the-job and in-class technical training
- In-class training: 12-week technical session

Individuals interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway, should follow these steps:

- 1) Get hired – by an employer/sponsor/union
- 2) Apply online to register as an apprentice at www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship
- 3) Sign a training agreement with your employer/sponsor and the Employment Ontario apprenticeship office.
- 4) Become a Member of the Ontario College of Trades Apprentices Class at www.collegeoftrades.ca/membership
- 5) Keep a record of the hours you work
- 6) Achieve the competencies listed in your training standard if required in your trade

- 7) Complete all of the training requirements in your trade and you will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship (CoA).
- 8) Write the Exam for the Certificate of Qualification if required in your trade

If you are currently in high school and would like to begin an apprenticeship, visit oyap.com for more information about the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Individuals unsure about whether to pursue an apprenticeship or not, can learn more by visiting www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship

St. Clair College:

Landscape Horticulture

Admission/Eligibility Requirements: OSSD with the majority of courses at the College (C), University (U), University/College (M), or Open (O)

Academic Credential: Two Year - Ontario College Diploma

Professional Certification: Students will be prepared to pursue Landscape Ontario's Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam, and also receive training for certification in Pesticides (Technician and Exterminator), Front End Loader/Skid Steer Operator and Chainsaw Certification

Attendance: In-person

Full-time or Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 4 semesters

Program Cycle: Unknown

Program Cost:

- Year 1: \$4,341.61
- Year 2: \$3,819.05
- Total: \$8,160.66 (2017/18)

OSAP Eligible: Unknown

Location: 2000 Talbot Road West, Windsor, N9A 6S4

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/postsec/horticulture/>

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