



LEAD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

\$4,366- \$5,306

Plus Excellent Benefits

Apply by

December 16, 2016

(open until filled)



WHY APPLY?



Nestled in a valley of forested hills and farmland, Chehalis is a vital and growing historic town that takes pride in its family-oriented community. Positioned halfway between Seattle and

Portland, Chehalis is ideally located to enjoy all the Pacific Northwest has to offer, including year round outdoor recreation and breathtaking landscapes with views of Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, and Mount St. Helens in the distance.

THE COMMUNITY

Chehalis is a vibrant community where historic charm, character, and a rich heritage are preserved and cherished. Chehalis is the county seat of Lewis County and has a population of about 7,500 residents with a daytime population estimated to be closer to 40,000 due to a new commercial development featuring Home Depot and Wal-Mart that has turned the City into a major regional service provider.

Brimming with unique businesses and attractions, the City boasts three districts on the National Register of Historic Places. Residents have quick and easy access to many cultural activities, fairs, concerts and a wide assortment of annual events. From its start as a pioneer logging, milling and agricultural community to today's mix of residential, retail, light industrial and manufacturing, Chehalis



is a community where neighbors know they can rely on one another for help and support.

The City has over 300 acres of parks with an exceptionally popular recreation program, including a newly remodeled outdoor aquatics center. The Chehalis River, which runs through town, is a popular spot for kayaking and rafting. Chehalis is a frequent stop by bicyclists on the annual Seattle to Portland Bike Ride.



The Chehalis School District serves 2,600 students with comprehensive and challenging academic and extra-curricular programs. The district has a national reputation for excellence, consistently providing students with a solid foundation for advanced education and trades. Centralia College is nearby, offering over 50 academic and transfer programs, including a newly accredited Bachelor of Applied Science programs.

THE CITY

Incorporated in 1883, the City of Chehalis operates as a council-manager form of government. The City Council is comprised of a mayor and six councilors. Chehalis is a well managed city featuring an excellent working relationship between the City Council, City Manager and a strong department director team. The City has approximately 90 fulltime employees.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Chehalis Regional Water Reclamation Facility was constructed in 2007 to replace the city's sewage treatment plant built in 1948. The CRWRF is designed to meet stringent Department of Ecology permit requirements and projected wastewater treatment needs for the next twenty years. The CRWRF processes wastewater for the City of Chehalis, the City of Napavine, and Lewis County Water and Sewer District #4. The facility treats an average of 1.3 million gallons per day (MGD) and peak flows in excess of 10 MGD during the wet weather. In addition, the CRWRF is capable of producing 3.5 MGD of reclaimed water for irrigation of the city's 250-acre poplar tree plantation when flows in the Chehalis River drop below 1,000 cubic feet per second (CFS). The CRWRF has a staff of seven and maintains a state certified lab to perform numerous daily analysis for process control and regulatory monitoring.

THE POSITION

This position is guided by assignments received from the Wastewater Superintendent and is responsible for leading daily operations and maintenance of the city's wastewater treatment plant and lift stations, as well as the coordination of treatment plant operations with the poplar tree planta-

tion and collection system operation. In the absence of the Wastewater Superintendent, the Lead Operator acts as the responsible operator in charge of the treatment plant.

EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

Graduation from accredited high school or GED equivalent, supplemented by college level courses and/or other specialized training in the operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant and/or in engineering, chemistry, microbiology, mechanics or other related fields, and a minimum of five years of increasingly responsible experience as a wastewater treatment plant operator at a Class III plant or higher.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

- **\$4,366 - \$5,306**
- Medical, Dental, and Vision
- Vacation & Sick Leave
- Life Insurance
- Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan

**Please visit:
www.ci.chehalis.wa.us
for an application**

The City of Chehalis is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply by **December 16, 2016** (first review, open until filled).