

# MAKE THE CAREER CONNECTION

for

## ***LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE***

**YOUR ROP TRAINING  
LEADS TO JOBS as....**

### **Entry Level**

(High School Diploma/ROP Training)

Garden Worker and Yard Worker  
Landscape Gardener  
Greenskeeper  
Lawn Service Worker  
Industrial-Commercial Groundskeeper  
Special Effects Gardener

### **Technical Level**

(Community College Degree/ROP)

Landscape Architect  
Landscape Manager or Contractor

### **Professional Level**

(Baccalaureate Degree)

Horticulturist

Students will benefit by having knowledge of small engines, good math and language

## WHAT IS ROP?

The Baldy View Regional Occupational Program is a cooperative vocational education effort between the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, ChinoValley Unified School District, Claremont Unified School District, and Upland Unified School District. ROP's purpose is to provide a wide variety of career preparation at the entry and technical levels to meet the needs of high school students and adults.

***Prepare for YOUR future NOW  
by enrolling in ROP TODAY!***

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

High school students should contact the Career Technician at their high school.

Adults should call Baldy View R.O.P. office for specific enrollment dates and available classes.

**(909) 624-0063**

**[baldyviewrop.com](http://baldyviewrop.com)**

Enrollment priority:

- ❖ High School Students: seniors, juniors, sophomores, 16 yrs. of age and older.
- ❖ Adults living within our geographical service area.
- ❖ Adults living outside our geographical service area

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## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE



A career preparation program designed to provide related instruction and practical experience.



## WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PREPARE ME TO DO

GARDENERS AND GROUNDSKEEPERS work in a variety of places, from private homes to city parks to golf courses—even on Hollywood movie sets. These workers have a variety of titles, depending on where they work and the type of work done.

Garden Workers and Yard Workers condition and prepare soil, plant seeds or bulbs in greenhouses or outdoors and plant flowers, shrubs and trees according to a defined work plan. They fertilize, weed, transplant, and thin plants in public or privately owned gardens. They also may lay sod, prune trees and repair gardening tools.

Landscape Gardeners maintain the grounds of city, state and national parks. Following a planned design of the landscaped area, they lay sod or sow grass seed and plant shrubs, flowers and trees. These workers also trim hedges, prune trees, apply herbicides and pesticides, mow lawns and remove rubbish. They may also help in the repair of roads, walks and greenhouses.

Greenskeepers maintain the grounds and turf of private and city golf courses. Operating tractors, electric and hand mowers and using various attachments, they till, cultivate and grade new course areas. These workers use fertilizers, pesticides and lime to assure a healthy lawn, cut turf on greens and tees to specification height and connect hose and sprinkler systems at designated points on the course to irrigate turf.

Lawn Service Workers use thatchers, power and hand aerators, and chemicals to grow healthy lawns. They lift dead leaves and grass from between live grass leaves and soil and rake lawns to put air into the soil. They often apply fertilizers, fungicides and pesticides on a continuous schedule. These workers may transport their tools from job to job, often using a hydraulic lift, and record activities and assess charges to customers.

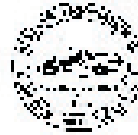
Industrial-Commercial Groundskeepers do the same kind of work as Garden Workers, except in the settings of commercial, industrial or public property. They may also do minor fence, gate, sprinkler and outbuilding repairs and may also shovel snow during the winter season. These workers may also clear the ground of litter, rake and bag leaves.

Special Effects Gardeners create special displays of plant life for motion picture sets, horticultural workshops, or fairs, working from detailed instructions. They also collect moss, rocks, plants and flowers to use in the planned display. They may fertilize, water and weed sets during the term of display.

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of an ROP course, each student will:

- ❖ Demonstrate occupational specific, communication and critical thinking skills
- ❖ Demonstrate responsible work ethics
- ❖ Demonstrate career/employment literacy
- ❖ Demonstrate effective use of technology



## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Because urbanization in California has increased the need for gardening and groundskeeping in golf courses, public parks, community and residential properties, employment prospects for Gardeners and groundskeepers should remain stable.

The *California Projections of Employment* publication lists Gardeners and Groundskeepers as one of California's fifty occupations with the largest absolute growth.

One of every five gardeners and groundskeepers are self-employed, providing landscape maintenance directly to customers on a contract basis.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ❖ Minimum age - 16 years old or 11th grade
- ❖ Be able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather
- ❖ Both physical agility and strength are needed to crouch, squat, and stoop while cultivating and tending plants. And while carrying plants, equipment and materials for varying distances.
- ❖ Ability to work independently
- ❖ Ability to understand and carry out instructions
- ❖ Ability to be responsible and self-motivated

## COURSE LENGTH

- ❖ Must be able to get along well with people
- One semester course

## ROP TEACHERS

ROP teachers know the job market, have business and industry experience within the field they teach and are credentialed. ***LEARN FROM THE BEST WITH ROP TEACHERS.***

## ROP CERTIFICATE of TRAINING

An ROP certificate of completion, including competencies, is awarded to students who complete the course.

## HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Upon successful completion of the class, credits earned in ROP are forwarded to each student's