



Position Posting: Pesticide Applicator and Pest Scout

Located in Abbotsford BC, Van Belle Nursery is a leading wholesale supplier of ornamental plants to box stores in Western Canada, and growers throughout North America. Our facilities are modern and our product line is continually expanding with the newest varieties.

Because of our ongoing growth and commitment to continuous improvement, we are looking for someone to join our team in the full-time, permanent position of ***Pesticide Applicator and Pest Scout*** as part of our Integrated Pest Management (IPM) team.

The ***Pesticide Applicator*** applies herbicides and pesticides to problem areas and crops throughout the year at all sites on the nursery, as necessary. An emphasis on safe and accurate application is critical. When spraying is not required, the incumbent will perform scouting and other production worker duties as needed.

Responsibilities:

1. Applying pesticides, including maintaining spray equipment. (Saturday or evening work may be required to accommodate operational requirements and ensure the safety of other nursery employees).
2. Pest scouting.
3. Assisting with budgeting and purchasing biological controls and chemicals.
4. General tasks such as potting, irrigation, fertilizing, pruning, weeding, spacing, winterizing, grading, sweeping and labeling and shipping when not busy with IPM tasks.

Physical Demands:

1. Repetitive bending and twisting.
2. Standing for long periods of time.
3. Repetitive fine motor movement with hands and fingers.

Work Conditions:

1. Employee is required to work with pesticides and plant protection production 25-30 hours per week, (or 800-1000 hours per year, as some seasons require little spraying), while wearing personal protective equipment and following established safety procedures.
2. Work outdoors in all weather conditions, year round.
3. Employee provides own raingear and gloves when necessary.
4. Steel-toed boots mandatory.
5. Van Belle Nursery is a smoke free workplace.
6. Rotate weekends and after hours work for spraying on high season as requested by the Operations Manager for irrigation and/or climate control in low season.
7. Be prepared to put in any extra hours that are required during the busy spring shipping period to ensure crops are pest free, and also to help with shipping if required.

Education and Qualifications:

1. Minimum 2 year diploma or equivalent in Horticulture or Agriculture
2. Agricultural pesticide applicator certificate required.
3. Valid driver's license required. A driver's abstract is required.
4. Fluent spoken and written English required (Spanish is an asset)
5. Forklift certification required (in-house training available)
6. Horticulture experience an asset
7. First aid training an asset.

We offer:

- a positive and dynamic work environment
- a competitive salary of \$20 - \$25 per hour
- a company benefit package including extended health and dental coverage
- a company profit share program
- additional benefits available after 3 years + continuous employment

Job locations:

- 4262 Wright Street, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7Y8
- 34825 Hallert Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1R3
- 34819 Harris Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1R7
- 35388 Hallert Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1R2

How to Apply:

If you would like to pursue joining our team at Van Belle Nursery, please submit your resume and cover letter, including your salary expectations to our Human Resources Administrator.

Applications may be submitted as follows:

1. Email to: hr@vanbelle.com
2. Fax to: 604-853-6282
3. In person to Van Belle Nursery head office: 34825 Hallert Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1R3

Learn more about our company at www.vanbelle.com

We thank you for your interest. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.