



MCKAY NURSERY COMPANY

Plant Health Specialist

Waterloo, WI

McKay Nursery Company is an employee-owned (ESOP) business located in Waterloo, Wisconsin. Since 1897, McKay has been growing quality plants for wholesale and retail customers throughout the United States.

We are a SANC (Systems Approach to Nursery Certification) nursery and passionate about the product that we deliver to our customers. This position plays an important role in protecting our investments in nursery stock, land and bringing the best possible product to the marketplace. Become an employee owner.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

We currently have a full-time Plant Health Specialist position available in Waterloo, WI. We provide health, dental and life insurance, paid time off, holiday pay, flexible spending account (FSA), 401(k) and a fully company paid ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) retirement program.

The primary role involves monitoring the health of nursery plant stock on our sprawling 1500+ production acres. Under the direction of the Land Manager this involves monitoring, diagnosing, and treating any pest and/or disease infestations occurring on the property. The Plant Health Specialist is responsible for selecting the most appropriate product or treatment for each problem. We seek a driven candidate with a passion for the green industry to join our team of highly-skilled individuals.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor plant health and actively work to prevent diseases, insects and other abnormalities
- Perform functions of the integrated pest management program, including designing/updating, implementing, monitoring, inspecting, scouting, sampling, treating, record keeping, and report writing
- Identify abnormalities when they arise and implement the proper treatment plans to resolve them
- Research and remain up-to-date on plant diseases and prevention strategies
- Mentor and train staff as necessary regarding plant diseases and pests

BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL HAVE

- Degree in horticulture, plant science, plant pathology, or a related field. Field experience can be an allowable substitute.
- Strong knowledge of diagnosing insect, disease and physiological issues in plants
- Multiple years of diagnosing and preparing treatment plans for nursery stock
- Private Pesticide Applicators License or ability to obtain
- Well-developed organizational and planning skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Knowledge of Microsoft products is essential

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