Turf Scientist

**Job Description:** Maintains large areas of grass year-round, in spaces such as playing fields, parks, golf courses, and other public areas.

**What does a Turf Scientist do?**

* Maintain irrigation systems to support large areas of grass
* Identify seed and grass species/classifications
* Implement environmentally safe methods to control or eliminate weeds, diseases, and insects, including chemical applications such as pesticides and herbicides
* Study and research soil content to either enhance or maintain soil health
* Seeds, fertilizes, mows, and weeds on a consistent schedule, even during unfavorable weather
* Educate the public about the relationship between environmental issues and turf fields
* Oversee the maintenance, servicing, and replacement of turfgrass and equipment

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $32.09 hourly, $66,750 annually

Projected Job Openings – 2,300 in the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like working outdoors?
* Are you interested in caring for landscapes and plants?
* Are you good at math?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Most entry level positions require a bachelors degree
* Degree paths include ecology, botany, horticulture, environmental science, turfgrass science, chemistry, and other related fields