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IRRIGATION ·
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This trade has no BLS occupation code.

That is the hiring problem.

Hi {{first_name}},

The hardest part of hiring in commercial irrigation is not a labor shortage in the usual sense, it is that the trade does not have its own Bureau of Labor Statistics occupation code, so employers and job boards default to classifications and wage benchmarks that do not actually match the work. Postings written for "irrigation technician" routinely get buried under landscaping or plumbing listings meant for someone else.

THE NUMBER THAT MATTERS

0

dedicated BLS occupation code for "irrigation technician," most work gets folded into Grounds Maintenance Workers.

~1,170

combined monthly searches across the trade, one of the smaller labor markets we recruit for.

Backflow prevention and main-line work cross into licensed plumbing scope in most states, putting a chunk of this trade on a different credential and wage track entirely. Real professional credentials (CIT, CIC, CID, CLIA, ASSE 5110) exist and get ignored by screening that just looks for "irrigation experience" on a resume.

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Top 10 Hiring Challenges in Commercial Irrigation Recruiting (2026)

Why the lack of a dedicated BLS code makes this trade easy to misclassify, and hard to hire for well.

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FROM THE FIELD

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We recruit continuously for commercial irrigation, so the shortlist exists before your seat opens. See real hiring wins from other trades we recruit for, and ask us about our track record in your market on a discovery call.

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QUICK WIN

Screen for the real credentials, CIT, CIC, CID, CLIA, ASSE 5110, not just "irrigation experience" on a resume. Generic screening misses the qualified candidates in this trade.

Hiring irrigation techs? Book a call

If irrigation hiring is on your plate this quarter, that's all we do. Reply to this email or grab a time above.

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