Darnell Hughes

NURSERY WORKER

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Summary

Nursery worker with 2 years at a wholesale tree and shrub nursery in Warren County. Handles potting, pruning, container plant care, balled and burlap digging and order pulling for landscape contractors. Runs a skid steer and knows plant identification for more than 150 woody varieties.

Skills

- Potting
- Pruning
- Container Plants
- Balled and Burlap Digging
- Order Pulling
- Plant Identification
- Skid Steer
- Irrigation
- Inventory Tags
- Teamwork

Experience

Nursery Worker 03/2025 - Present

Cumberland Ridge Nursery McMinnville, TN

Wholesale nursery with 300 acres of field-grown trees and container shrubs.

- Handle potting of liners into 3- and 7-gallon containers, moving **2,500** container plants a week in spring.
- Complete balled and burlap digging and wrapping with a 4-person crew, filling up to 120 trees a day for truck loads.
- Perform pruning and shaping on boxwoods, hollies and maples to grade standards, raising first-grade stock by about 10%.
- Organize order pulling and staging by customer with inventory tags, loading 6 tractor-trailers a week with a skid steer.

Landscape Laborer 04/2024 - 02/2025

Smith County Lawn and Landscape Smithville, TN

Residential landscape installation and maintenance company.

- Installed shrubs, trees and mulch beds at about 60 residential properties during the season.
- Set up and checked irrigation zones after installs, adjusting heads so new plantings rooted in well.
- Mowed and edged weekly routes of 25 lawns with commercial zero-turn mowers.
- Loaded trailers each morning with plants, mulch and tools for a 3-person install crew.

Education

High School Diploma 05/2024

Warren County High School McMinnville, TN

Certificates

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry

OSHA Outreach Training Program

02/2025