

# SANITATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

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Position Code: 1640

WC Code: 9403

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Pay Grade: 347

Location: Public Services

Approval Date: 2022

## **General Statement of Duties**

Performs responsible skilled work driving sanitation packer trucks on multiple prescribed routes for the collection of trash, recyclables, limbs, leaves and other yard waste.

## **Distinguishing Features of the Class**

Employees in this class drive large sanitation packer trucks on assigned residential routes to collect and dispose of yard waste, curbside trash, and other solid waste. Work involves serving as a lead worker, ensuring crew safety and work quality. Work requires skill in the operation of packer trucks in tight spaces, in the dark, and/or on crowded streets. Employee is subject to hazards of sanitation work including working in an outside environment exposed to extreme cold, heat, noise, atmospheric conditions, chemicals, moving mechanical parts, oils and skin irritants. Work is also subject to OSHA standards on bloodborne pathogens. Work is performed under regular supervision of division management and reviewed by observation and by public satisfaction of service level.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

Drives sanitation packer truck over prescribed routes to collect curbside trash, limbs, leaves and various yard waste and to established disposal areas. Conducts thorough pre-trip inspections and performs other routine preventative maintenance cleans equipment and deodorizes the trucks. May supervise one or more sanitation laborers in the loading and unloading of refuse, recyclables, limbs, leaves and various yard waste; instructs employees in standard methods of refuse collection and disposal; ensures their safety on the route. May answer questions from citizens regarding sanitation procedures. Fills in as driver or worker on other crews.

Performs related work as required.

## **Recruitment and Selection Guidelines**

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

Working knowledge of the principles and practices of operating and servicing sanitation trucks and equipment.

Working knowledge of the street system of the Town.

Working knowledge of the traffic laws and CDL regulations governing equipment operation.

Working knowledge of the occupational hazards involved and the safety precautions necessary for the proper operation of garbage collection equipment.

Some knowledge of basic computer skills

Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.

Ability to work in all types of weather.

Ability to complete simple records.

Ability to work cooperatively and responsibly as a team leader and respond courteously to citizens.

### **Physical Requirements**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently involved in some combination of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, talking, and hearing. Hand and finger dexterity is required to handle a variety of items, equipment, control knobs, switches, etc. This position involves heavy work requiring the employee to exert up to 100 pounds of force occasionally; and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently; and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Lifts and carries heavy equipment and/or materials (up to 50 pounds).

Must possess the visual acuity to operate specialized sanitation equipment and distinguish traffic patterns to avoid injury to self and others.

The employee may be exposed to hazardous physical conditions (including but not limited to noise, moving parts, traffic, confined spaces, repetitive motions, and vibration) poor atmospheric conditions (including but not limited to fumes, odors, dusts, gases, and poor ventilation) and biological hazards. In addition, the work will require seasonal exposure to extreme weather conditions, snakes, insects, and wildlife.

**Minimum Education and Experience**

High School Diploma or GED and minimum of six months of experience in related sanitation or equipment operation.

**Special Requirement**

Possession of a valid Class B North Carolina Commercial Driver's License. Class A preferred.