

Waste Collection Operator

DEFINITION

This is semi-skilled work involving the operation of a large front, side, or rear hydraulic system vehicle during the collection and loading of waste and related recyclable materials. Some positions within this class operate large bin collection trucks with associated specialised hydraulic bin handling apparatus to service multi-residential complexes. Other positions within this class operate bin large collection trucks during the collection (with significant heavy manual labour) of garbage and/or recyclable materials from residential and commercial sites on an assigned route (beat).

Incumbents drive collection vehicles to assigned collection routes, manoeuvre the collection vehicles through lanes, alleys, street fronts, etc. and may also load refuse materials into the hopper for compaction. For bin handling positions, trucks are driven to multi-residential complexes with bin collection sites and loaded via the pickup and manipulation of the bin in order to transfer contents directly into the hopper. Loaded vehicles are driven to collection points such as landfills, transfer stations, etc. for unloading. Incumbents record scale weights and other information as required. As assigned routes are completed, employees may assist with pickup on other beats.

Employees in this class assist with enforcing City refuse bylaws, reporting littering and container violations for notice and reports instances where truck access through alleys is impeded by fencing, trees, vehicles, etc.

While normally a single-person deployment, there may be instances where labourers or other Waste Collection Labourers are assigned to assist with pickup. Incumbents in this class would supervise and direct the activities of these helpers.

Waste Collection Operators work under the general supervision of a Leader or Supervisor who assigns routes and collection shifts. Work is reviewed through inspections and the handling of public complaints.

TYPICAL DUTIES *

Operates a front, side, or rear hydraulic truck from storage yard to collection routes, disposal points, etc. and manoeuvres the truck through alleys, lanes, front streets, etc.

Picks up, carries, and loads garbage and/or recyclable material containers into truck hoppers. Determines the suitability of material for the landfill or recycle handling facility. Handle receptacles, tied bags, bundled material or loose materials as required. Returns empty containers and lids to their appropriate places.

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Operates hydraulic hopper compaction controls as required to transfer and pack materials into storage and ensures optimum loading of collection vehicles. Unload vehicles at collection points, landfills, transfer stations, etc. using prescribed methods.

Operates special-purpose bin collection trucks to multi-residential complexes with bin sites and manipulate full bins via hydraulic controls to empty their contents into the collection hopper and return collection bins to their appropriate places. This type of collection may require the manual manipulation of wheeled bins to and from storage facilities with associated key and security access.

Ensure that pickup sites are clean and tidy by picking up loose debris, either manually or with the use of a shovel.

Records load weights from scale readings, changes to routes, progress logs on pickup status, and other records as required.

Assist with the training and orientation of new collectors.

Reports unusual or untoward situations, including violations to refuse bylaws to the foreman as required and advises relevant personnel as equipment and collection truck problems are encountered. Reports instances where deployed bins require maintenance or repair.

Maintain collection vehicles in a clean and sanitary condition.

Advise foreman and equipment maintenance personnel of collection truck malfunctions or associated mechanical problems.

Respond to requests for assistance or information by other collectors, foremen, supervisors, etc.

Perform related duties as required.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

- Ability to perform heavy, strenuous and agility-intensive labour for extended periods of time and under extreme weather conditions.
- Knowledge and application of correct weight lifting and handling techniques in order to minimise strain and lifting injury.
- Knowledge of appropriate material handling practices to avoid skin and eye contamination, cuts, slipping, and associated mishaps.
- Ability to skilfully drive a large collection truck in all conditions and observe all safety precautions and vehicle handling techniques.

- Ability to manoeuvre bin-handling controls to minimize damage to bins and avoid adjacent overhead hazards at collection sites.
- Ability to read and interpret route maps, dispatch notices and other relevant materials.
- Ability to interact effectively with the public during pickup on residences and to resolve complaints of a minor nature.
- Ability to understand and execute verbal directions and to practice safe working procedures.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Job Level

- Completion of the twelfth (12th) school grade supplemented by some truck driving experience or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
- Possession of a valid Alberta Class 3 Motor Vehicle Operator's License (airbrake certification) and eligibility to obtain a City driver's permit is required.

Developmental Level

- Completion of the twelfth (12th) school grade supplemented by some truck driving experience or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
- Possession of a valid Alberta Class 5 Motor Vehicle Operator's License and eligibility to obtain a City driver's permit is required.
- Eligibility to obtain a valid Alberta Class 3 Motor Vehicle Operator's License (airbrake certification).

Employees will remain at the developmental step until they are in possession of their Class 3 Motor Vehicle Operator's License (airbrake certification).

* *This is a class specification and not an individualized job description. A class specification represents and defines the general character, scope of duties and responsibilities of all positions within a specific job classification. It is not intended to describe nor does it necessarily list the essential job functions for a specific position in a classification. Positions may perform some of the duties listed above but this does not necessarily qualify for placement into this classification.*

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