

SANITATION OPERATOR

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, operates vehicles and equipment in the collection of municipal solid waste, green waste and/or recyclables on an assigned route; or in community clean-up activities.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED

Receives supervision from a Sanitation Supervisor. This class does not exercise supervision.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Sanitation Operators participate in the collection of discarded waste materials; participates in community clean-up; conducts all activities according to the delivery and collection schedule; and courteously serves the public. Sanitation Operators work with independence in the field making decisions in accordance within established policies.

There are two distinct assignments in this classification; therefore Examples of Important and Essential duties are grouped based on similar and distinct areas of responsibility.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

All Sanitation Operator duties may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Performs daily safety and pre-operational maintenance checks; clean trucks as scheduled and/or as required; and monitors fluid levels.
- Operates hydraulic mechanisms for loading, compacting, and dumping municipal wastes; reports any mechanical defects in operation of equipment.
- Informs supervisor of operating condition of solid waste collection vehicles, vehicular accidents, and conditions which prevent pick-ups of refuse and/or recyclables as scheduled.
- Provides customer service while on assignment.
- Completes various reports, such as service requests, daily operation reports, accident reports and other necessary record of activities.
- Performs related duties as required.

Sanitation Operators assigned to Residential Operations may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Responsible for the collection of municipal solid waste, green waste and/or recyclables on an assigned route; checks route maps for new and terminating pick-up instructions, and follows assigned schedule.
- Safely drives a side loading truck on an assigned route.
- Picks up containers which are either down on arrival or knocked over in the course of service so they can be emptied.
- Uses management approved tagging systems to alert customers to service interruptions and violations of agreed service protocols.
- Provides hands-on service such as moving containers away from obstacles, special handling of services to assist disabled customers, and retrieval of waste oil/filters as necessary.

Sanitation Operators assigned to Operation Clean up and/or Field Services Operations may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Participates in the collection of organized community clean-up activities; and checks route maps for new and terminating pick-up instructions..
- Safely drives a roll off, side, or rear loading truck on an assigned area; assists crew members in picking up and loading solid waste materials including bundled tree branches, shrubbery, and other refuse for placement in truck hopper; drives truck to designated unloading site and maneuvers truck in unloading operations.
- Monitors debris for hazardous materials.
- Works closely with other City departments through coordinated clean-up activities; may participate in alley, encampment or leaf removal clean-up activities.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

The work and equipment involved in waste collection and disposal.

The safety rules and regulations applicable to waste disposal; safe driving principles and practices.

Traffic laws, ordinances, and rules applicable to commercial vehicle operation.

The geographic layout of the City of Fresno or assigned collection routes.

General recordkeeping procedures.

Ability to:

Understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Operate communication radios, a computer, technological equipment, and related programs associated with solid waste operations.

Maintain accurate records, prepare clear and concise reports, and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Read and write English at a level necessary to perform the duties of the job.

Safely perform manual work under adverse conditions.

Work independently or with a team crew in the performance of assigned duties.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the performance of duties and the general public.

Skill in:

The safe and efficient operation of compacting equipment on a refuse truck.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent GED completion;

AND

Experience:

One year of experience performing waste collection activities, or two years of experience operating a commercial vehicle which requires a Class B Driver's License.

Necessary Special Requirement

Possession of a valid Class B California Driver's License, without airbrake restriction, at time of application and continued maintenance of a valid Class B California Driver's License for the entire term of employment in this class.

APPROVED: _____
Director of Personnel Services

DATE: _____