

Refuse Collector I

DEFINITION

This is unskilled heavy manual work involving the collection and loading of refuse, garbage and related recyclable materials. Employees in this class do not normally drive or operate collection vehicles.

Work of this class involves heavy manual labour while collecting garbage and recyclable material from residential and commercial sites on an assigned route (beat). Typically, employees within this class work as a member of a two-person collection crew, acting as a loader while truck driving and associated duties are performed by higher qualified personnel. Senior refuse collectors direct the working activities while on collection and unloading and incumbents are required to respond to directions accordingly.

Collection crews work under the general supervision of a foreman who assigns routes and collection shifts. Work is reviewed through inspections and the handling of public complaints.

TYPICAL DUTIES *

Picks up, carries and loads garbage into truck hoppers. Handle garbage containers, tied bags, bundled material or loose materials as required. Returns empty containers and lids to their appropriate places.

May pick up recyclable materials and place same into the truck, or moves recyclables to a suitable location for pick up by others.

Operates hopper compaction controls as required to ensure optimum loading of collection vehicles. Ensure that pickup sites are clean and tidy by picking up loose debris, either manually or with the use of a shovel.

Assists the collection truck driver with manoeuvring through tight spaces, backing up, etc. and opens and closes hopper doors on trucks as required.

Assist the collection truck driver during unloading procedures at landfills, recycle collection unloading sites, or transfer stations.

Perform related duties as required.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

- Ability to perform heavy and strenuous labour for extended periods of time and under extreme weather conditions.
- Knowledge of correct weight lifting and handling techniques in order to minimize strain and lifting injury.

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- Knowledge of appropriate material handling practices to avoid skin and eye contamination, cuts, slipping, and associated mishaps.
- Ability to deal with the public during pickup on residences.
- Ability to understand and execute oral directions and to practice safe working procedures.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Job Level

- Completion of the Twelfth (12) grade supplemented by some experience in the applicable work area or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
- Possession of a valid Alberta Class 5 Motor Vehicle Operator's License is required.

* *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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