

Refuse Collector II

DEFINITION

This is semi-skilled heavy manual work involving the operation of a vehicle during the collection and loading of refuse, garbage and related recyclable materials.

Work of this class involves the operation of a collection truck with a GVW rating of up to 12,300 kg (27,000 lbs.), while collecting (with heavy manual labour) garbage and/or recyclable materials from residential and commercial sites on an assigned route (beat). Pickup routes are geographically-based and cyclical. Specific shift beats are assigned by foremen and route coordinators.

Incumbents drive collection vehicles to assigned collection routes, manoeuvre the collection vehicles through lanes, alleys, street fronts, etc. and load manually refuse materials into the hopper for compaction. 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 unit, there may be instances where labourers or Refuse Collector I's are assigned to assist with pickup. Incumbents in this class would supervise and direct the activities of these helpers.

Refuse Collectors 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 *

Operates a collection vehicle from storage yard to collection routes, disposal points, etc. and manoeuvres the truck through alleys, lanes, front streets, etc. Ensure that side-chute collection hoppers are properly retracted while moving between streets.

Picks up, carries and loads garbage into truck hoppers. Determine the suitability of material for the landfill. 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 hydraulic hopper compaction controls as required to transfer garbage into storage and ensures optimum loading of collection vehicles. Unload vehicles at collection points, landfills, transfer stations, etc. using prescribed methods.

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 to the foreman as required and advises relevant personnel as equipment and collection truck problems are encountered.

Respond to requests for assistance or information by other collector, 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 minimize 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 garbage collection vehicle and observe all safety precautions and vehicle handling techniques.
- Ability to read and interpret route maps, dispatch notices and other relevant materials.
- Ability to deal with the public during pickup on residences and to resolve complaints of a minor nature.
- Ability to understand and execute oral 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 and 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.

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