

SANITATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

General Statement of Duties

Performs responsible semi-skilled and skilled work in the operation of a large motorized equipment and construction and maintenance of streets.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class operates a boom truck, backhoe, loader, or other medium to heavy equipment independently. Work involves operating equipment in tight locations around underground and overhead utility lines, near trees parked cars and traffic. Work includes performing routine maintenance and servicing of equipment used. Work also includes assisting with a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled tasks when assigned to a crew. The employee is subject to hazards associated with public works including working in both inside and outside environments, in extreme hot and cold weather, and exposure to various hazards such as loud noises, vibration, moving mechanical parts, electrical current, chemicals, odors, dusts, mists, and oils. Work is also subject to the final standards of OSHA on blood borne pathogens. Work is performed under regular supervision and is observed occasionally while in progress or upon completion.

Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Duties and Tasks

- Operates dump truck in the collection of residential yard waste and construction debris.
- Operates a backhoe to move large/bulky items and to dig out old asphalt or concrete.
- Operates boom loader, front end loader, dump truck, and other medium and heavy equipment.
- Checks and maintains assigned equipment.
- Empties Town trash receptacles and marina receptacles.
- Maintains the Town compactor including cleaning and power washing as needed.
- Works with the crew to patch potholes, repair concrete structures such as sidewalks and storm sewer.
- Works with a crew to clear storm, snow and ice from streets.
- Washes and cleans assigned equipment; performs routine servicing such as checking fluid level, tire pressure, changes oil and filters.
- Operates a variety of power equipment including saws, trimmers, mowers, etc.

Additional Job Duties

- Performs related duties as required.

Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

Knowledges, Skills, and Abilities

- Considerable knowledge of traffic laws governing equipment operation.
- Considerable knowledge of the practice of operating and servicing medium to heavy construction and maintenance equipment.
- Considerable knowledge of the occupational hazards related safety precautions for large equipment in heavy traffic and construction sites.
- Considerable knowledge of the public works functions to which normally assigned.
- Some knowledge of the use of information technology in the work and record keeping.
- Skill and care in the operation of large specialized equipment.
- Skill in customer service excellence and collaborative conflict resolution.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written directions.
- Ability to make minor repairs and adjustments to equipment.
- Ability to deal courteously with the public.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisor and other employees.

Ability to maintain simple records.

Physical Requirements

Must be able to physically perform the basic life operational functions of climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, pushing, pulling, reaching, walking, lifting, and hearing.

Must be able to perform heavy work exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally; 20 pounds of force frequently; and 10 pounds of force constantly.

Must possess the visual acuity to operate heavy construction equipment in a safe manner.

Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school and considerable experience in the operation of motorized construction equipment preferably including experience in construction or repair; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirement

Possession of a valid North Carolina Commercial Driver's License.