

Title: Solid Waste Collector
PG: 20
Status: Civil Service
Position Reports to: Supervisor of Solid Waste
Department: Public Works

Class Code: 8061
Date: 09/08

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS:

This is heavy manual work in the collection and disposal of solid waste. Employees in this classification perform routine repetitive work as a member of a crew collecting solid waste of various types and depositing it in a solid waste collection vehicle. Work requires considerable physical exertion, daily contact with unpleasant materials and outside work regardless of weather. Work is performed under the supervision of the vehicle driver in charge of the crew.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Handles, carries and empties receptacles containing solid waste. Handles and carries yard trash such as tree limbs and other un-containerized solid waste items. Deposits waste into collection vehicle and returns cans or other receptacles to the point of pick up with their lids intact.
2. Operates compaction mechanism on the vehicle.
3. Rides on an external platform on the collection vehicle between collection stops.
4. Provides direction to the collection vehicle driver as necessary to provide safe backing of the vehicle.
5. Report all leaks (i.e. Hydraulic oil, water, etc) and/or mechanical problems to the driver immediately.
6. Identify bio-hazardous waste, medical waste, and all other hazardous waste/materials, such as asbestos, batteries, acids, gas, flammable chemicals/materials, etc. to driver/supervisor.
5. Performs maintenance work on the division premises when not assigned to a collection vehicle. Work may include the cleaning of collection vehicles and helping in the container maintenance shop.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. May be assigned to remove and dispose of deceased animals.
2. Provide training assistance to new employees and/or temporary employees, as well as, route directions to replacement drivers.
3. May be required to help/assist other City divisions or departments under special circumstances.
4. May be required to operate light duty vehicles.
5. Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

1. Ability to work consistently with unpleasant waste materials.
2. Ability to perform manual work requiring physical strength for lengthy periods.
3. Ability to perform duties in adverse weather conditions.
4. Ability to work effectively, safely and harmoniously with other crew members.
5. Ability to handle privately owned cans, containers and lids without incurring damage.
6. Ability to understand and follow verbal and written instructions.
7. Ability to use a map to locate addresses.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/CONDITIONS:

Requires heavy physical work that involves constantly lifting, pushing, or raising objects, exerting 35 to 50 on a recurring basis and exerting 100 pounds of force on a frequent basis
This job risks routine and frequent exposure to significant environmental hazards, including

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Bright/dim light, dusts and pollen, extreme heat and/or cold, wet or humid conditions, extreme noise levels, animals/wildlife, vibration, disease/pathogens, toxic/caustic chemicals, fumes and/or noxious odors, traffic, and moving machinery.

The job requires normal visual acuity, and field of vision, hearing, speaking, sense of smell, depth perception, and texture perception.

QUALIFICATIONS (EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE):

1. Completion of eight (8) school grades.
2. Six (6) months of experience in heavy manual work.
3. An equivalent combination of education and experience that is determined to be directly related to the foregoing specific requirements may be substituted.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must possess valid documentation that establishes identity.
2. Possess and maintain a valid Florida driver's license is desirable.
3. Must maintain a valid home telephone number.
4. Completion of the Solid Waste Safety Training Manual within 90 days from date of hire.
5. May be required to work overtime, or alternate hours, as necessary for the efficient operation of the department. Position may be designated as Mission Critical by Department Director.