

REFUSE/RECYCLE MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves the operation of a variety of motor equipment used in the collection of refuse from homes and places of business and/or other public works activities. This class differs from Motor Equipment Operator (Heavy) in that an incumbent operates less complex equipment and less equipment in general. The class differs from Municipal Worker in that an employee spends a significant portion of the shift operating a vehicle rather than performing laboring activities. The work is performed under general supervision with leeway allowed for exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. May act as a lead over the work of Refuse/Recycle Collectors depending on the project. The incumbent does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Operates a refuse/recycle truck on assigned route;
Carries refuse from homes and places of business to collection trucks;
May assist in distribution of refuse at sanitary landfill sites;
Services and cleans refuse collection trucks;
Should be capable of identifying the various source separated recyclable materials and ensure that they are emptied into appropriate recycling hoppers;
May, on assignment, operate both single axle and tandem axle trucks used in the construction and maintenance of streets, sewers, sidewalks, and other public works projects;
May, on assignment, operate 4-wheel drive snowplow truck or other type truck-mounted snow removal equipment;
Operates all equipment except those listed as heavy equipment by union contract;
Loads and unloads trucks;
May, on assignment, perform a variety of manual tasks such as cutting trees, road patching, bridge scraping and painting, and snow shoveling when not operating equipment;
Performs manual tasks related to motor equipment operations such as gassing or loading the vehicle;
Performs manual work assigned within departmental operations when not engaged in equipment operation.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Good knowledge of the operations of a variety of medium weight public works equipment; good knowledge of city geography; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; mechanical aptitude; willingness to respond to emergencies and work under adverse weather conditions; ability to operate motorized equipment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma is preferred. One (1) year of experience in the operation of highway construction and maintenance equipment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State operator's license appropriate for the vehicles operated.