

# **WASTEWATER COLLECTION WORKER**

Code 4110

## **JOB PREVIEW**

The City of Los Angeles seeks to employ well-qualified individuals who have an interest in working as a Wastewater Collection Worker within the Bureau of Sanitation.

All entry-level Wastewater Collection Worker positions are training positions. Often, candidates are attracted to the positive aspects of the job, while ignoring some of the less appealing features. We feel it is important for candidates to have a clear understanding of the job so they can decide if this is a job they have an interest in doing and the ability to do well.

The job factors listed below are realistic features of the Wastewater Collection Worker position about which many applicants are unaware. We strongly suggest you consider these factors to determine if this position fits your career goals.

### **PHYSICAL NATURE OF THE WORK AND WORK CONDITIONS**

The work of Wastewater Collection Workers requires that they:

1. work in high traffic areas;
2. work in confined spaces such as storm drains and sewers;
3. lift and load debris by hand for an extended period of time;
4. work near human waste;
5. climb hill sides;
6. clean and maintain storm drains and sewers;
7. may act as a field supervisor;
8. drive and operate Class B vehicles;
9. may work near pests such as rats, roaches, and snakes;
10. use hand rodding tools to clean sewers; and
11. remove debris and cut vegetation from open channels

All Wastewater Collection Workers must perform the full range of duties in a variety of work settings as described above. Many of these duties and work settings may not be considered desirable; however, if you are prepared to perform all aspects of the job, the work of a Wastewater Collection Worker can be a rewarding career.