

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

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REFUSE COLLECTION TRUCK OPERATOR, 3580

Summary of Duties: A Refuse Collection Truck Operator loads and unloads a refuse collection vehicle, drives a refuse collection vehicle, operates mechanical attachments on the vehicle, and may work as a manual laborer or lead a small manual labor crew during periods of the day when not driving.

Class Characteristics: The essential duties of a Refuse Collection Truck Operator are to collect refuse and to drive a refuse collection vehicle safely, lawfully, and skillfully. An employee of this class is responsible for the safe and proper loading and unloading of a refuse collection vehicle, and is responsible for the completion of collection assignments. An employee of this class is distinguished from other transportation equipment operators in that this employee normally drives a one or two-person packer-type refuse collection vehicle which has three axles, a gross vehicle weight loaded of 50,000 pounds, and a payload of 18,000 pounds. However, a Refuse Collection Truck Operator may also be assigned to operate a truck which has two axles, a single transmission, and a gross vehicle weight loaded of 28,000 pounds or less. The Refuse Collection Truck Operator, while operating a two-member packer-type refuse collection vehicle, may supervise a Maintenance Laborer assigned to the truck. When the work does not require constant driving, a Refuse Collection Truck Operator may be assigned to other tasks, such as loading or unloading trucks or working with a small manual labor crew. An employee of this class may be responsible for the cleanliness and general appearance of the assigned vehicle. Assignments are usually specific in nature, although they are often carried out without direct supervision.

Example of Duties:

- Loads and unloads a refuse collection vehicle, at times using truck mounted winches and booms;
- Delivers and properly discharges load at a designated disposal site;
- Drives a one or two-person refuse collection truck;
- Operates mechanical refuse packing equipment;
- May collect dead animals or bulky items as a special assignment;
- Interprets rules and regulations governing the nature of material being collected and container suitability;
- Inspects the load for proper placement and securing; may supervise a helper on these tasks;
- Inspects the truck for sufficient gas or diesel fuel, oil, water, proper inflation and condition of tires, and proper condition of safety equipment;

- Prepares routine operating reports, such as fuel used, trip tickets, and material hauled;
- Responsible for properly reporting mechanical defects to equipment and uncollected refuse;
- May be responsible for the completion of collection assignments;
- May make minor adjustments and running repairs to the vehicle or equipment;
- May perform manual labor, assist skilled workers or do other work assigned by a supervisor when not required to operate a truck;
- May act as a lead worker in a small crew in such tasks as general yard maintenance at a City landfill or a maintenance yard;
- May drive pickup trucks, automobiles, vans, or other vehicles as an incidental assignment;
- May be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. One year of full-time paid experience:
 - a. Driving a truck with a gross vehicle weight loaded of 28,000 pounds or more. (Applicants must include the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle on the application form or the application will not be processed); or
 - b. Performing the duties in a training capacity as a Maintenance Laborer, Truck Operator, Street Services Worker, or Construction Equipment Service Worker with the City of Los Angeles (Applicants must submit a completed "Verification of Work Experience" (VWE) form); and
2. A valid California Class B driver's license and valid medical certificate approved by the State of California, Department of Motor Vehicles.

A certificate of satisfactory completion of an approved training course in truck operation, including at least one month of behind-the-wheel instruction in vehicles 28,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or more, may be substituted for 6 months of the required experience.

License: A valid California Class 2 or higher driver's license with a valid medical certificate is required.

Physical Requirements: Strength to perform repetitive lifting up to 70 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; back, arm, and leg coordination involved in activities such as repetitive lifting of heavy objects or containers; good hearing ability; and good eyesight.

Persons with disabilities may be able to perform the essential duties of this class with reasonable accommodation. Such accommodation will be evaluated on a case by case

basis and depend, in part, on the specific requirements for the job, the limitations related to the disability, and the ability of the hiring department to reasonably accommodate the limitations.

As indicated in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be