Title changed to Senior Solid Waste Collector (September 2001)

DEFINITION

This is skilled operation of equipment used in the collection of solid waste. Under supervision, loads and operates mechanical solid waste collection equipment assigned for residential or commercial collection and transports solid waste materials to disposal area. May involve overseeing the work of subordinate solid waste collectors. Work is reviewed while in progress or upon completion by observation or spot checking.

TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF WORK

Operates assigned equipment for the collection and transportation of solid waste on designated residential or commercial routes; drives unit to disposal area; picks up and deposits the material from refuse containers into a refuse truck; operates compaction and other mechanical equipment on the truck; performs hand collection for assigned commercial customers or bin collection for assigned residential customers; contacts customers on matters affecting the collection of solid waste; notes conditions of refuse containers and reports the existence of improper containers or materials that do not comply with City requirements for collection; oversees the work of subordinate solid waste collectors as required; performs routine safety check of collection vehicle and reports problems; performs minor maintenance of vehicles as required; maintains appropriate records and prepares reports; performs related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Minimum: Ability to read, write, and understand and follow oral and written instructions; one (1) year of experience operating vehicles requiring a Class B driver's license; ability to operate assigned solid waste collection vehicles and compaction equipment safely and efficiently; ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods, often under adverse weather and traffic conditions; ability to oversee the work of subordinate workers; ability to maintain simple records and prepare simple reports; ability to perform routine safety check and minor routine maintenance of vehicles; ability to deal effectively with customers in matters pertaining to solid waste collection and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees.

Special Requirement: Possession of a valid California Class B driver's license prior to appointment.

Desirable: Considerable experience with solid waste collection operations; thorough knowledge of the City street system and neighborhood geography.