



The Star
In East Texas

THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

POSITION: RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTOR DEPARTMENT: SANITATION

GENERAL DEFINITION: Collects residential garbage

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Work is performed under the general supervision of the designated supervisor.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None

ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, as well as other duties as assigned.

- Collect residential garbage on an assigned route – about 500 houses per day, 4 days per week on a two person route.
- Pick up garbage bags at all houses and throw them into the compactor truck, walking from house to house, or hanging onto the side of the truck.
- Drive to landfill to empty the truck, manually turn lock down device to pull open back of truck, hydraulically open tailgate to dump load.
- Collect large trash one day per week in a flat bed truck with side rails, with a 3 person crew, one driver, one on the truck, and one on the ground. Picking up furniture, tree limbs, leaves, left over building materials, etc. Fewer stops than a regular route, but more garbage per stop.
- Performs other miscellaneous duties as necessary. Check garbage truck each morning, fuel and wash trucks daily at the service center, keep record of any garbage not picked up and note why.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: includes the following:

- **Sitting/Standing** – Truck can be driven sitting or standing, driver and rider alternate positions on route; maximum sitting is about 30 minutes at one time or 2 hrs per day.
- **Walking** – Short distances, primarily on concrete or asphalt streets or sidewalks, sometimes on dirt or grass up to 4 hours at one time with intermittent periods of riding on the truck.
- **Lifting/Carrying** – Residential garbage bags, most common weight is 25-50 lbs, but often weighs 50-100 lbs. Bags are lifted from the ground, carried 2-10 feet and thrown into the truck. If a bag or larger item is too heavy, more than one person lifts it.
- **Handling** - Required for most aspects of the job.
- **Bending** - Significant body position, to pick up trash from yards, repetitive bending intermittent with riding or driving the truck.
- **Twisting** – To throw bags onto the truck or when using pitch fork to throw larger items into the truck.
- **Climbing** – Into and out of the truck sometimes up to 250 times per day.
- **Balancing** – To be able to hang onto the back of the truck.

- **Vision** – to be able to pick up garbage
- **Throwing** – Garbage bags and trash must be thrown over rails, or into the back of the truck.
- **Pushing / Pulling** - Must be able to open and close tailgates, and to lock down devices with over 45 lbs exertion force when load is dumped at the landfill.

MACHINES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND WORK AIDES: Trash compactor truck, flat bed truck, pitchfork and two way radios.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS: Ability to work in inclement weather, including extreme heat and humidity at or near 100% during certain times of the year, as well as freezing temperatures and below. Occasionally may be exposed to exhaust fumes when driving in traffic, also may be exposed to vibration while riding in or hanging on the truck, frequently exposed to sharp objects in trash bags, including but not limited to: broken glass, razor blades, and sometimes hypodermic needles.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Gloves, goggles, rain gear at times, ear protection to prevent ear infection or hearing loss due to wind exposure. Non-slip shoes, rubber boots, hard hats and optional lifting belt.

NON-PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Working closely with others as a member of the team, irregular schedule and overtime may be rarely necessary.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or GED