Refuse Collector Job Description

- Ensuring that trucks are inspected before beginning routes to guarantee safe operating conditions
- Ensuring that garbage trucks have enough fuel to run for the day and adding other necessary fluids such as oil
- Driving back to disposal sites to empty garbage trucks that have been filled
- Staying updated and informed on road and weather conditions to determine how routes may be affected
- Driving trucks along established routes such as residential streets and alleys, or business and industrial areas
- Communicating with dispatchers on issues regarding delays, unsafe sites, equipment breakdowns, accidents, or any other maintenance issues
- Operating automated or semi-automated hoisting devices that assist in raising refuse bins and dumping garbage into the relevant openings in truck bodies
- Crushing refuse or garbage collected.