

CODE: 4160

GRADE: 9

**THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE: EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

GENERAL STATEMENT OF JOB

Under general supervision, performs skilled and semi-skilled maintenance work for Thomas County. Work may involve driving equipment such as sanitation truck to dump garbage; maintaining and clearing the area; operating light to heavy construction equipment and vehicles to accomplish projects such as construction and maintenance of County roads and the clearing of right of ways. Employee's duties assigned to employees in the job title may vary according to needs of the department and/or proper allocation of workload. Employee must exercise initiative and some independent judgment in completing assigned tasks. Employee must also exercise tact, courtesy, and firmness in working in contact with the general public. Reports to the Public Works Superintendent.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Serves as Dump Truck Driver.

Operates tractors, front-end loader, backhoe, brush chipper, asphalt patch unit, and other equipment requiring comparable skills.

Collects garbage from cans.

Loads and unloads.

Cleans area.

Receives and/or reviews various records and reports including weight tickets, work instructions, work orders, and various other records, reports, memos, correspondence, etc.

Prepares and/or generates various records and reports including daily report, weekly report, daily checklist on truck, weekly inspection sheet, daily work report, and various other records, reports, memos, correspondence, etc.

Refers to policy and procedure manuals, codes / laws / regulations, equipment manuals, publications and reference texts, etc.

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Uses sledge hammer, shovel, rake, fork, disinfectant, etc.

Interacts and communicates with various groups and individuals such as immediate supervisor, prison personnel, landfill personnel, and the general public.

ADDITIONAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Performs other related work as required.

MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from high school and nine to twelve months of experience in maintenance and construction work involving use of heavy equipment; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Must have successfully completed required courses and certification such as Commercial Driver's License, etc.; may be required to possess additional certification(s) as deemed necessary by the County. Must possess a valid Georgia driver's license.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Physical Requirements: Must be physically able to operate a variety of machinery and equipment, including backhoes, ditching machines, boring machines, hydro-hammers, air compressors, shovels, rakes, hand tools, etc. Requires the ability to maintain body equilibrium when bending, stooping, crouching, climbing, reaching and/or stretching arms, legs or other parts of body, and to physically maneuver over and/or upon varying terrain, surfaces or physical structures. Must be able to exert in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 25 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical demand requirements are those for Very Heavy Work.

Data Conception: Requires the ability to compare and/or judge the readily observable, functional, structural, or composite characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people or things.

Interpersonal Communications: Requires the ability to speak and/or signal people to convey or exchange information. Includes receiving instructions, assignments and/or directions from superiors.

Language Ability: Requires the ability to read a variety of work orders, simple forms, etc. Requires the ability to prepare forms and reports using prescribed formats. Requires the ability to speak to people with poise, voice control and confidence.

Intelligence: Requires the ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions

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furnished in written, oral or diagrammatic form; to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in or from standardized situations.

Verbal Aptitude: Requires the ability to record and deliver information, to explain procedures, to follow oral and written instructions. Must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in standard English.

Numerical Aptitude: Requires the ability to utilize mathematical formulas; to add and subtract; multiply and divide.

Form/Spatial Aptitude: Requires the ability to inspect items for proper length, width and shape.

Motor Coordination: Requires the ability to coordinate hands and eyes rapidly and accurately in using power and hand tools.

Manual Dexterity: Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, such as control knobs, switches, levers, hand tools, etc. Must have minimal levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

Color Discrimination and Visual Acuity: Requires the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color; requires the visual acuity to determine depth perception, night vision, peripheral vision, inspection for small parts; preparing and analyzing written or computer data, etc.

Interpersonal Temperament: Requires the ability to deal with people beyond giving and receiving instructions. Must be adaptable to performing under stress and when confronted with persons acting under stress.

Physical Communication: Requires the ability to talk and/or hear: (talking - expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words; hearing - perceiving nature of sounds by ear).

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