

**DEPARTMENT:** NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC WORKS  
**CLASSIFICATION:** LABOR  
**APPROVED:** AUGUST 26, 2021

**SANITATION WORKER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for carrying refuse or recyclable materials from homes and places of business to refuse collection trucks in the street. The duties are physically demanding and are performed in all types of weather. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-level employee. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Wheels refuse or recycle totes from homes and places of business to collection trucks;
2. Lifts refuse or recyclable totes onto garbage truck tipper and operates levers to activate lifting and loading mechanisms;
3. Carries additional waste materials (such as bulk items and bags of yard waste) to truck and tosses items into the back of the packer;
4. Returns empty totes to their proper place on the curbside;
5. Assists drivers by verbal instructions and signaling when driving areas are restricted;
6. Continuously monitors waste for evidence of unacceptable items;
7. Helps to clean and maintain refuse collection trucks.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Willingness to perform unpleasant and arduous tasks under adverse weather conditions; ability to lift heavy objects and understand/carry out oral instructions; physical endurance; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** None are required.