



JOB DESCRIPTION ROANE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER OPERATOR

Job Summary

The trash compactors are heavy-duty industrial equipment and can cause serious injury or death if operated improperly. It is the operator's responsibility to visually inspect a compactor before turning on the hydraulic ram to make sure that no person is too close to the opening. The compactor should never be operated if any part of a person's body is in or near the compactor opening in a manner that could create a crush hazard. If the operator cannot clearly see what is going on from the operator building, the button may not be used and the ram must be operated from the button on the compactor unit. At no time is the public allowed to operate a compactor and the buttons on the units should be disabled (locked) unless needed by the operator.

- Center Operators should become familiar with local recycling practices in order to answer questions from the public. The Roane County Recycling Coordinator is available to help center users or Solid Waste staff better explain why certain materials are or are not recyclable and why. The Recycling Coordinator can be contacted at the Solid Waste Office at 865-590-7779
- Young children and pets must remain in vehicles at all times at all centers
- Only residential trash from individual households is accepted for disposal at the Convenience Centers. The Convenience Centers operate under an assumption based on federal and state laws that residential household waste is not legally defined to be hazardous. The same law assumes that commercially generated waste is potentially hazardous. Roane County Convenience Centers are operated under a Tennessee Department of Conservation (TDEC) permit-by-rule to accept only household residential trash. Commercial waste is not accepted at the Convenience Centers.
- Center Operators may not accept payment from anyone for any purpose. There are no fees to dispose of waste at Roane County Convenience Centers.
- Used motor oil and antifreeze (coolant) are collected in specially labeled containers at County Convenience Centers for recycling. Used motor oil may be inspected by Center Operators to ensure oil is free of water or other contaminants (water, paint, coolant, cooking oil, et cetera). Used motor oil and coolant are collected in separate containers and must not be mixed together. To preserve capacity for other center users, amount limits for large quantities may be required and may also vary on a center to center basis depending on capacity.
- Soliciting money or goods at any Convenience Center is prohibited.

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- All Roane County Convenience Centers have spill kits with the capacity to absorb several gallons of oil. Spills of any automotive fluids (gasoline, oil, anti-freeze), hydraulic fluids (compactors), leachate (compactors), and any other potentially hazardous material must be contained.

Essential Job Duties:

- Operators should monitor recycling containers frequently and intervene if individuals are placing garbage or contaminants in recycling containers.
- Perform outside custodial duties such as snow removal, litter debris clean up,
- One of the most important functions of a Center Operator's job is to manage the flow of traffic and to maximize compactor box capacity.
- Coordinate with maintenance worker as needed. Assist in maintenance needs.
- Assist in changing compactor boxes as needed.
- Other duties as required by Solid Waste Director.

Physical Demands:

- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand or sit for long periods; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop; kneel; crouch; or crawl; and talk or hear. The employee may be required to lift and / or move at least forty (40) pounds.

It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure that all work performed at Roane County Solid Waste Department is done in a safe manner, following any and all safety practices and agrees to abide by OSHA standards.