Safety in Operations

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Keys to Health and Safety

- Safety-oriented management
- Safety in solid waste collection operations
- Safety Training
- Employee Health
- OSHA inspection program
Safety Philosophy

- All injuries and occupational illnesses can be prevented
- Safety is a direct responsibility of managers and supervisors
- Employees can be reasonably safeguarded against occupational hazards
- Working Safely is a condition of employment
- A safe working environment is good business
What should a Safety Program consist of

- Behavior based training program

- Standard operating procedures including:
  - Personal Protective Equipment
  - Equipment operation
  - Accident and injury reporting

- Daily/Weekly/Monthly safety meetings
Blade in closed position when moving
No one on the rear step when backing
Never stand in front of moving blade
Know how to use tools
Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment, commonly referred to as "PPE", is equipment worn to minimize exposure to serious workplace injuries and illnesses. These injuries and illnesses may result from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards. Personal protective equipment may include items such as gloves, safety glasses and shoes, earplugs or muffs, hard hats, respirators, or coveralls, vests and full body suits.

✓ Safety Shoes
✓ Safety vest or jacket with reflection material
✓ Safety Glasses when needed
✓ Gloves when needed
✓ Ear Plugs at the discretion of the employee
Blade is open only when collecting
3 points of contact

CAUTION

USE THREE POINT CONTACT WHEN CLIMBING ON AND OFF EQUIPMENT
Trucks with tag axles
No Climbing into the hopper without lock out tag, engine off, key in pocket
Arm must be all the way in before moving
Grabber coming out from leak down
Only for emptying cans

Something is wrong
Bleed water from air tanks daily to ensure correct operation of brakes etc.
SLAP - Stop, Look, Assess and then Position truck
10 feet rule with power lines, **no exceptions**
Stabilizer legs in up position before moving
Claw secure before moving
Where to drop the container
Vehicle Rollover
Wearing Seat Belts
Raised Body
Safety Brace
Tailgate Raised
Walking while Ground Guiding

- One of the most dangerous things any person can do is walking while ground guiding any truck.

- Falling down and being run over is a real risk.

- Drivers are to ensure they can see their ground guide in the mirror at all times. Stop immediately.
- Ground guides are to survey the area before giving guiding instructions to move, and be standing still.
- Drivers are to only do what the ground guide tells them, except to watch the front of the truck when turning.
Truck Equipment

- Road Triangles
- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Lock Out Tag Out
- Proper Tools
Operate Safely