

Heavy Equipment Operator

Location: Amherst County Public Works

Are you skilled with heavy equipment and looking for a job that makes a difference in your community?

Join the Amherst County Solid Waste Division as a **Heavy Equipment Operator** and help keep our landfill and transfer station running safely, efficiently, and responsibly. This is a hands-on, dynamic role that's essential to the day-to-day operations of the county's waste management program.

What You'll Do:

As a Heavy Equipment Operator, you'll be an essential part of the team responsible for:

- Safely operating heavy equipment, including loaders, compactors, bulldozers, haul trucks, skid-steer loaders, track loaders, haul trucks, and dump trucks in compliance with regulations, policies and procedures.
- Keeping the landfill and transfer station clean and organized
- Performing routine maintenance and minor repairs on equipment
- Directing incoming vehicles and assisting customers with unloading
- Sorting recyclable materials from waste
- Completing daily equipment inspections and maintaining regulatory paperwork

You'll work under the supervision of the Public Works Director and serve as a professional, courteous representative of Amherst County.

Who We're Looking For:

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent
 - At least **1 year of experience** operating heavy equipment (landfill or construction site experience preferred)
 - General knowledge of traffic laws, heavy equipment safety, and maintenance
 - Thorough knowledge of safe equipment operating practices and occupational hazards of the work
 - Ability to follow instructions, communicate clearly, and keep accurate records
 - Ability to detect mechanical issues, read gauges/manuals, and maintain logs
 - Valid Virginia Driver's License required
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Working Conditions:

This is a physically active job requiring:

- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs and perform tasks involving bending, lifting, pushing, and pulling
 - Exposure to varying weather conditions, noise, and work-related hazards
 - Use of personal protective equipment and adherence to safety protocols
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Why Amherst County?

- Guaranteed 40 hours a week with some potential overtime
 - Be part of a dedicated public service team
 - Make a positive impact in your community
 - Competitive pay and full, generous County benefits and time off.
 - Opportunities for growth and skill development
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How to Apply:

Ready to roll up your sleeves and join our team?

Submit your application here:

<https://www.countyofamherst.com/category/?categoryid=6>

Amherst County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and are committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace.