

Overview

This standard is for those who carry out street cleansing using a vehicle or other automated equipment. You may be cleaning a variety of surfaces including street furniture and signage and need to know the different methods for each.

It is important to ensure that, when you have finished your work, grounds are litter free and all debris and detritus, as is feasible, has been removed and surfaces are clean.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Undertake Cleansing

1. ensure you have the correct instructions and are aware of procedures for carrying out the work
2. confirm the area to be cleaned
3. chose the vehicle or machinery and cleaning methods that are suitable for the litter, detritus and the street furniture/surface being cleaned
4. ensure you have the correct legal and organisational authorisation to use the vehicle or machinery
5. ensure the vehicle or machinery has sufficient resources (eg. fuel and water) to complete the work to the required standard in the required time
6. follow the correct procedures if there is a fault with the vehicle or machinery
7. use the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the vehicle or machinery being used, and for the working conditions
8. use the appropriate methods according to the type of litter and detritus, surface being cleaned, working conditions and type of vehicle or machinery being used and for the working conditions
9. operate vehicles and machinery with care and take all possible steps to avoid others such as pedestrians
10. when not in use secure the vehicle or mechanical equipment to prevent risk of injury to others
11. ensure maximum clearance of litter and detritus, taking into account working conditions

Offload collected waste

12. ensure that spillages have been treated correctly before you remove them
13. promptly report to your supervisor any problems that you come across
14. take the collected litter and detritus to the designated disposal point
15. discharge and dispose of the waste according to legal and organisational requirements and leave the vehicle body/machine empty
16. upon completion of your work clean the vehicle, machinery and equipment, return to the storage area and ensure it is left secure
17. comply with any reporting procedures when you have finished your work

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the instructions and relevant workplace procedures for carrying out the work
2. potential hazards and risks associated with litter, detritus and street furniture and reporting procedures when you think they might present a risk to health and safety
3. the vehicles or machinery available to you and the most appropriate for the type of cleansing
4. any legal or organisational authority required to operate the vehicle or machinery, how to get this and what might happen if you do not have this
5. how to check that the vehicle or machinery has sufficient resources (eg. fuel and water) and where to get these from
6. the procedures to follow upon discovering a fault with the vehicle or machinery
7. the correct personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the vehicle or machinery, the work being carried out and the working conditions
8. the importance of operating the vehicle or machinery carefully and responsibly
9. the importance of securing mechanical equipment and what could happen if you fail to do so
10. the standard of work to be provided
11. different types of spillage and how to check that they have been treated correctly
12. the designated disposal points for litter and detritus
13. how to discharge and dispose of collected waste safely and the legal and organisational requirements that must be observed
14. the designated place for cleaning vehicles, machinery and equipment and the methods for doing this
15. storage areas for vehicles, equipment and machinery and why they must be left secure when you have finished your work
16. the reporting procedures for problems and when you have finished your work and the importance of following these

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