

Perform street cleansing manually

Overview

This standard is for those who carry out street cleansing by hand using a brush and a barrow or cart. It covers removing litter and detritus from public areas including grounds, streets, pavements, pedestrianised areas and car parks. It involves identifying and following the correct procedures to clear any litter that may pose a risk to health and safety.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- Remove litter and detritus from grounds
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. choose the equipment and cleaning methods that are suitable for the litter, detritus and debris and the surface
 4. assess the risks associated with the task to be undertaken, taking into account the potential dangers of sharps, dog faeces, working on or near the highway
 5. carry out all work in line with the risk assessment and control measures
 6. select and use suitable personal protection equipment (PPE)
 7. use suitable methods for removing the litter from the ground surface
 8. when not in use secure any mobile equipment to prevent risk of injury to others
 9. where necessary segregate litter and put it in the appropriate containers
 10. clear as much detritus and debris as you can within the working conditions
 11. transfer litter containers to the right collection points
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12. confirm the number and location of the containers that you must empty
 13. follow procedures if you find containers that have types of litter, detritus and debris in them that required specialist treatment or handling
 14. select and safely use equipment and cleaning methods suitable for the removal of litter, detritus and debris and your working conditions in line with manufacturers, legislative and company requirements
 15. completely empty the containers and replace them as necessary
 16. make sure the area around the container is clean and tidy
 17. take the collected detritus and debris to the correct collection point
 18. promptly report to your supervisor any problems that may occur

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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1. the instructions and relevant organisational procedures for carrying out the work
2. legislative, health and safety and company requirements relating to street cleansing
3. factors to take into account when identifying litter and procedures for reporting items when you think they might present a risk to health and safety
4. the equipment available to you to remove litter and the most appropriate for the type of litter
5. how to assess the risks and factors to take into account when removing litter and detritus
6. the correct personal protective equipment to be used for the task and how to use it
7. why you should secure mobile equipment and what could happen if you fail to do so
8. why litter needs to be segregated and the correct containers in which to put it
9. the correct place for litter containers and how to transfer them safely
10. the importance of maintaining a high standard of work
11. the standard of work to be provided

Maintain waste collection points

12. where to find information on the number and location of waste containers to be emptied
13. what constitutes unacceptable types of debris and detritus and the action to take to deal with it
14. the equipment and cleaning materials suitable for removing debris and detritus and how to operate safely, according to requirements
15. procedures for emptying containers and how to identify when they need replacing
16. procedures for reporting problems and to whom they should be reported

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