Recycling and Reclamation Workers

**Job Description:** Prepare and sort materials or products for recycling. Identify and remove hazardous substances. Also dismantles components of products such as appliances.

**What does a Recycling and Reclamation Worker do?**

* Collect recyclable materials from curbside for delivery to designated facilities
* Sort materials such as metal, glass, wood, paper, or plastics, into appropriate containers for recycling
* Operate forklifts, pallet jacks, power lifts, or front-end loaders
* Record logs of recycled materials or waste chemicals removed from products
* Operate processing equipment to sort, crush, or grind recyclable materials
* Clean materials according to recycling requirements
* Operate automated refuse or manual recycling collection vehicles
* Clean, inspect, or lubricate recyclable collection equipment or perform routine maintenance or minor repairs on recycling equipment

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like taking things apart and working hands-on?
* Do you want to reduce environmental damage by working for recycling programs?

**Outlook: BRIGHT**

Average Salary - $15.02 hourly, $31,230 annually

Projected Job Openings – 411,300 in the next 10 years

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Entry level positions require a high school diploma.