



STEM Careers

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.