

Public Works and Maintenance Labourers

Description

Public works and maintenance labourers perform a variety of labouring activities to maintain sidewalks, streets, roads and similar areas. They are employed by public works departments in all levels of government or by private contractors under contract to governments.

Duties:

- Clean and maintain sidewalks, streets, roads and public grounds of municipality and other areas, working as member of crew
- Sweep debris and remove snow from streets, sidewalks, building grounds and other areas, and load snow and debris into carts or trucks
- Shovel cement and other materials into cement mixers, spread concrete and asphalt on road surfaces using shovels, rakes and hand tampers, and perform other activities to assist in maintenance and repair of roads
- Spread sand or salt on sidewalks for snow and ice control
- Dig ditches and trenches using shovels and other hand tools
- Operate jackhammers and drills to break up pavement
- Load and unload trucks with supplies and equipment
- Collect money from coin boxes of parking meters along established route
- Collect and load refuse on garbage trucks
- Assist equipment operators to secure attachments to equipment or trucks
- Assist in routine maintenance and repair of equipment
- Assist skilled tradespersons such as carpenters, plumbers and mechanics
- May operate mobile sidewalk-cleaning equipment.

Other titles:

- municipal labourer
- public works labourer
- parking meter collector
- helper – garbage collection
- sewer maintenance worker
- sidewalk cleaner
- road maintenance worker

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills

Physical stamina	Equipment maintenance	Attention to detail	Able to work independently	Verbal communication
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Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Not required

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- Not required

Certification

- Several weeks of on the job training are provided

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as public works and maintenance labourers are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POR)	Average Wages and Salaries (POR)	Median Wages and Salaries (POW)	Average Wages and Salaries (POW)
\$48,385	\$42,382	\$50,172	\$49,228

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
9130 Local, municipal and regional public administration	175	200

(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Sector Report)