

# A Safe Workplace

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**PPE Required:** Hard hat, hearing protection, reflective safety vest, coveralls, rubber/puncture resistant gloves, safety glasses and steel-toed boots, emergency eye wash bottle

Only licenced, competent operators to operate a vehicle.

### **Preparation:**

1. Do a circle check of the unit and fill in log book or inspection sheet.
2. Check all fittings and hoses to be in place.
3. An operational fire extinguisher must be in vehicle.
4. Check portable eye wash unit.

### **Steps:**

1. Start truck using *Starting Equipment (Cold Start) Procedure* (section III-E, VLE-5).
2. Add fuel to the truck using *Fuelling Vehicles or Equipment Procedure*.
3. Use *Backing Up (Vehicles & Equipment) Procedure* (section III-E, VLE-7).

### **Garbage Truck:**

1. Drive route and sort/load garbage using the *Manual Lifting Safe Work Practice* (section III-F, SWP-1).
2. Park off driven road area if possible. Use four way flashers.
3. Deposit solid waste at refuse site in proper marked areas.
4. For box-hoist vehicles use *Operating a Truck Box Hoist Procedure* (section III-E, VLE-14).
5. Use the *Manual Lifting Safe Work Practice* (section III-F, SWP-1) for stationary material.
6. Proceed to unloading area.
7. If vehicle is equipped with rotary light, have it operating at all times while in operation.

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### **Sewage Truck:**

1. Park off main road area if possible. Use four way flashers.
2. Use the *Manual Lifting Safe Work Practice* (section III-F, SWP-1) for stationary material.
3. If vehicle is equipped with rotary light, have it operating at all times while in operation.

### **Water Trucks:**

1. Drive route and load and unload using the *Manual Lifting Safe Work Practice* (section III-F, SWP-1).
2. Park off main road area if possible. Use four way flashers.
3. Deposit sewage waste at approved site or lagoons.
4. Use the *Manual Lifting Safe Work Practice* (section III-F, SWP-1) for stationary material.
5. If vehicle is equipped with rotary light, have it operating at all times while in operation.

### **Shut- Down:**

1. Return truck to storage area.
2. Use *Equipment Hot Turn Off Procedure* (section 111-E, VLE-4).
3. Do circle check of truck. Grease if necessary.
4. Check all hoses and fittings to ensure they are still all in place.
5. Ensure water and sewage truck pumps are drained during cold weather operation.
6. For cold weather storage ensure tanks and pumps on water and sewage trucks are completely drained.
7. See *Powered Mobile Equipment Procedure* (section III-E, VLE-18) for general instructions to operate powered and mobile equipment.