

SAFETY FIRST

OPERATING LARGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Waste and resource management professionals who operate large vehicles or heavy-duty equipment play a crucial role in keeping our communities clean and safe. The nature of their work presents unique challenges and risks that require careful attention to safety protocols.

To ensure the well-being of both operators and the public, here are some essential safety tips tailored for professionals operating large vehicles or equipment in the field of waste and resource management:

1. Perform a pre-trip inspection.
2. Take proper training and certifications needed.
3. Properly secure loads.
4. Maintain safe following distances.
5. Stay alert and avoid distractions.
6. Observe speed limits.
7. Use mirrors effectively.
8. Follow proper backing techniques.
9. Be conscious of environmental concerns.
10. Perform regular maintenance.



By following these safety tips, waste and resource management professionals can minimize risks, protect lives, and contribute to the efficient and responsible management of waste and resource management materials. Follow protocols and procedures set by your employer. Ask your supervisor if you have any questions or concerns.

Prioritizing safety benefits operators and their organizations and also promotes public trust and confidence in waste and resource management practices. Together, we can work towards a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable future.

Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility, and it starts with you. [Learn more in a blog post by SWANA.](#)

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