



Brown County

25 Market Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
www.brown.sd.us

Heavy Equipment Operator

Landfill

Wage: \$24.93/hour

Opening date: 08/10/2026

Closing date: Open until filled

JOB SUMMARY

This position is responsible for operating heavy equipment in support of county landfill operations.

MAJOR DUTIES

- Operates loader to push solid waste, load and unload trucks, and assists with snow removal.
- Operates a compactor; places and packs solid waste.
- Operates a scraper to move dirt and cover solid waste.
- Operates a roll-off truck/hook truck to load and unload various materials.
- Operates skid steer, dozer, road grader, water truck, tractor and chip spreader, and other landfill equipment.
- Maintains roads and grading of landfill site.
- Ensures proper erosion control of landfill area.
- Compacts waste into landfill space to ensure proper compaction is achieved.
- Fuels equipment daily; completes daily equipment inspections; records daily inspection and service log.
- Cleans equipment and performs routine maintenance.
- Loads roll-off containers with residential waste for hauling to compaction area.
- Patrols county dump sites; removes large or potential damaging materials; collects litter.
- Provides direction and assistance to customers.
- Performs related duties.

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KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

- Knowledge of landfill operations rules and regulations.
- Knowledge of relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Knowledge of the principles and practices of landfill operation.
- Knowledge of heavy equipment operation and maintenance principles.
- Skill in planning, organization, and decision making.
- Skill in the operation of landfill equipment.
- Skill in providing customer services.
- Skill in oral and written communication.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Landfill Manager assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures, accuracy, and the nature and propriety of the final results.

GUIDELINES

Guidelines include state and federal environmental rules and regulations and county and department policies and procedures. These guidelines require judgment, selection, and interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of related equipment operation duties. Inclement weather conditions contribute to the complexity of the position.
- The purpose of this position is to operate heavy equipment in support of county landfill operations. Successful performance contributes to the efficiency and effectiveness of those operations.

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically with co-workers and the general public.
- Contacts are typically to give or exchange information, resolve problems, and provide services.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work is typically performed while intermittently standing, stooping, bending, crouching, or

walking. The employee frequently lifts light and heavy objects, climbs ladders, uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, and must distinguish between shades of color.

- The work is typically performed outdoors, occasionally in cold or inclement weather. The employee may be exposed to noise, dust, dirt, grease, machinery with moving parts, contagious or infectious diseases, or irritating chemicals. The work requires the use of protective devices such as masks, goggles, or gloves.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to a high school diploma.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid Class A commercial driver's license issued by the State of South Dakota for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.

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APPLY BY

Submit Brown County application and or resume to:

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Human Resources
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Aberdeen, SD 57401

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