



General Operation Safety – Waste Industry

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TOPIC: Basic Safe Operations

The waste industry is challenging. Whether working in a landfill, transfer station, or recycling station, this is one of the harshest environments for machine and operators. The following are brief basic guidelines for safe operating practices:

Walk around inspections

Walk around inspections are critical to safety and the life of the machine

- Perform proper daily inspections and report if anything needs attention
- Communicate machine concerns with any operator relieving you

Operational Safety

- Plan and communicate effectively with all your team
- Observe the 3 points of contact rule when mounting and dismounting the machine
- Check all systems, gauges, alarms, brakes, etc. before starting the machine and report any concerns
- Clean / adjust all windows, mirrors, back up cameras
- Clear the area before moving the machine
- Visual basics
 - Use mirrors, back up cameras, and turn to scan the area you are backing in to.
 - Look in reverse before you move in reverse
- For wheel loaders in transfer / recycling stations, do not climb the stockpile
- Keep required distances from vehicles and tipping floor personnel
- Be alert for possible fires
- Travel at safe speeds
- Anytime you leave the seat you must lower all implements, shift to neutral, and set the parking brake

Discussion Date: _____

Employee Participants:

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