

Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive for Oneida County Government Only  
EEO Category: Service/Maintenance  
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## **SEWER MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is manual work operating specialized heavy automotive equipment to perform a variety of preventative maintenance and repair activities pertaining to a municipal sanitary sewage collection system and sewage treatment plant. Additional responsibility is required for making minor repairs to equipment and ordinary servicing. Greater skill is required than in the operation of lighter types of equipment and there is increased responsibility for the safety of others. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-level supervisor, with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the technical details of the job. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. The incumbent works under the general supervision of the Sewer Maintenance and Equipment Supervisor or designee. The incumbent performs related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

Operates heavy mechanical automotive equipment including backhoes, wheel loaders and sewer vacuum/flush trucks;  
Mows lawns and plows snow as the season demands;  
May perform minor custodial duties;  
Responds at all times to emergency repair calls;  
Raises or lowers manholes for paving purposes;  
Cleans, repairs and maintains storm and sanitary sewers;  
Builds and repairs manholes and catch basins;  
Removes obstructions from sewers with sewer rods or flush truck;  
Opens laterals in emergencies;  
Participates in excavation and back-fill activities in connection with above work;  
Assists operations and maintenance personnel as required;  
May operate a truck in connection with above work;  
Operate off-road Utility Terrain Vehicles, chain saws, pole saws to maintain sanitary sewer rights-of-way;  
Operate hook truck to transport roll-off dumpsters containing screenings;  
Operate tractor trailer or wheel horse to relocate dump trailers within the treatment plant property.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the common practices, principles, terminology and safety precautions used in the maintenance and extension of a municipal sewage collection system; good knowledge of the use of tools and equipment required in the construction and repair of for maintaining a municipal sewage system; ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods, occasionally under adverse weather conditions; willingness to report for emergencies; ability to operate a variety of heavy motor equipment; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; dependability.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma; **AND** Either

(A) One (1) year of experience in the operation of specialized heavy motor equipment;  
**OR**

(B) Two (2) years of experience in the operation of mechanical automotive equipment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid New York State CDL Class B or higher with airbrake endorsement and 'N' endorsement at time of appointment. License must remain valid throughout appointment.

**NOTE:** Verifiable part-time experience as described above will be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements.

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