

Perform street cleansing manually

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This national occupational standard C2.18 belongs to the Asset Skills – the standards setting body for facilities management, housing, property, planning, cleaning and parking

Area of competence

This national occupational standard is about carrying out street cleansing by hand using a brush and a barrow or cart. It covers removing litter and detritus from public areas including grounds, streets, pavements, pedestrianised areas and car parks. It involves identifying and following the correct procedures to deal with any litter that may pose a risk to health and safety.

It is important to ensure that, when you have finished your work, grounds are litter free and debris and detritus, as is feasible, has been removed.

Skills and competencies which demonstrate effective performance

You show you are competent to:

- Remove litter and detritus from grounds
- Maintain waste collection points

Remove litter and detritus from grounds

1. Ensure you have the correct instructions and are aware of procedures for carrying out the work
2. Confirm the area to be cleaned
3. Choose the equipment and cleaning methods that are suitable for the litter, detritus and debris and the surface
4. Use the right methods for removing the litter from the ground surface
5. When not in use secure any mobile equipment to prevent risk of injury to others
6. Where necessary segregate litter and put it in the right containers
7. Clear as much detritus and debris as you can given the working conditions
8. Transfer litter containers to the right collection points



Maintain waste collection points

9. Confirm the number and location of the containers that you must empty
10. Follow your workplace procedures if you find containers that have types of litter, detritus and debris in them that required specialist treatment or handling
11. Choose equipment that is suitable for the removal of litter, detritus and debris and your working conditions
12. Use this equipment safely and according to legal and workplace requirements
13. Completely empty the containers and replace them as necessary
14. Make sure the area around the container is clean and tidy
15. Take the collected detritus and debris to the correct collection point
16. Promptly report to your supervisor any problems that you come across

Knowledge and understanding

You know and understand the following:

- a. the instructions and relevant workplace procedures for carrying out the work
- b. factors to take into account when identifying litter and procedures for reporting items when you think they might present a risk to health and safety
- c. the equipment available to you to remove litter and the most appropriate for the type of litter
- d. why you should secure mobile equipment and what could happen if you fail to do so
- e. why litter needs to be segregated and the correct containers in which to put it
- f. the correct place for litter containers and how to transfer them safely
- g. why it is important to ensure the work area is left litter free
- h. the standard of work to be provided
- i. where to find information on the number and location of waste containers to be emptied
- j. what constitutes unacceptable types of debris and detritus and the action to take to deal with it
- k. the equipment suitable for removing debris and detritus and how to operate it safely, according to requirements
- l. procedures for emptying containers and how to identify when they need replacing
- m. procedures for reporting problems and to whom they should be reported