**As a waste refuse operative / collector, you will take rubbish and recycling away from our trade waste customers.**

**Refuse Collectors start work early in the morning. You will wear weatherproof, reflective clothing and protective gloves, in case there are any sharp objects in the rubbish.**

To become a Refuse Collector, you will need:

* to be active, as you're likely to spend most of the time on your feet
* to be physically fit for lifting and carrying heavy bins and plastic sacks
* to feel comfortable working outdoors in all kinds of weather
* to work well as part of a team

Minimum age for entry is usually 18. You don't normally need any qualifications to enter this job.

**What will I be doing?**

Wheelie bins are collected from customer sites. You will push the bins to the back of the lorry where the bins are attached to an automatic lifting and tipping mechanism, you will operate controls at the back of the vehicle to compress the rubbish.

You might help the Driver to manoeuvre (move) the lorry by giving directions and hand signals.

You might also deal with members of the public if there are any problems.