

Tank Servicer/Sewer Pipe Cleaner (47-4071.00)

At-a-Glance Statistics



Sample Job Titles

Drain Cleaner, Drain Technician, Laborer, Maintenance Worker, Public Works Technician, Septic Cleaner, Septic Pump Truck Driver, Septic Tank Service Technician, Service Technician, Sewer Bricklayer

Key Tasks

- Communicate with supervisors and other workers, using equipment such as wireless phones, pagers, or radio telephones.
- Drive trucks to transport crews, materials, and equipment.
- Inspect manholes to locate sewer line stoppages.
- Operate sewer cleaning equipment, including power rodders, high-velocity water jets, sewer flushers, bucket machines, wayne balls, and vac-alls.
- Prepare and keep records of actions taken, including maintenance and repair work.
- Clean and repair septic tanks, sewer lines, or related structures such as manholes, culverts, and catch basins.
- Measure excavation sites, using plumbers' snakes, tapelines, or lengths of cutting heads within sewers, and mark areas for digging.
- Service, adjust, and make minor repairs to equipment, machines, and attachments.
- Locate problems, using specially designed equipment, and mark where digging must occur to reach damaged tanks or pipes.
- Dig out sewer lines manually, using shovels.
- Clean and disinfect domestic basements and other areas flooded by sewer stoppages.
- Withdraw cables from pipes and examine them for evidence of mud, roots, grease, and other deposits indicating broken or clogged sewer lines.
- Ensure that repaired sewer line joints are tightly sealed before backfilling begins.

Education and Training


High school diploma or equivalent

40%


Less than high school diploma

37%


Post-secondary certificate

22%

Median Wages



Hourly

\$18.74



Annually

\$38,970

Top Industries



Government
Administrative and Support Services

Number Employed



30,000 positions
4,000 job openings

Top Ten States for Occupational Percentage Growth

