

Recycling and Rubbish Collector

Recycling and rubbish collectors collect household, commercial and industrial waste for recycling and disposal.

Job title examples



- Recycling or Rubbish Collector
- Waste Removalist
- Garbage Collector
- Waste Runner

Other jobs in this field of work

What recycling and rubbish collectors do



- ride on and in garbage and recycling trucks
- collect rubbish and items for recycling from domestic, commercial and industrial premises
- load rubbish and recycling into bins and garbage and recycling trucks
- unload garbage and recycling trucks
- may operate compacting equipment on garbage trucks
- may supervise other garbage collectors

Main employing industries



- Public administration and safety
- Electricity, gas, water and waste services

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Waste Management available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Waste Management available as a traineeship or qualification

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects



- There are around 1,142 recycling and rubbish collectors working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Related jobs



- Building and plumbing labourer
- Garden and nursery labourer

To find out more about other jobs, visit the [Job Guides Homepage](#).

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014