

CITY OF OWOSSO

Now Hiring: Lead Operator – Collection System

Starting Pay: \$21.34/hour

After Probation: \$21.71/hour

After 1 Year of Service: \$23.93/hour

Position Summary

The City of Owosso is seeking a qualified, hands-on professional to serve as **Lead Operator – Collection System**. This position performs technical, skilled, and physically demanding work in the maintenance, repair, and construction of sewers, lift stations, and related equipment. The role also assists in the operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant.

Work is performed under the supervision of the Wastewater Superintendent or other designated official, and may include overseeing assigned staff.

Key Responsibilities

- Perform maintenance, repair, and cleaning of sewer systems and lift stations.
 - Read and interpret sewer maps; accurately locate and identify sewer lines.
 - Operate sewer equipment such as jet/vac trucks, rodders, TV systems, and heavy equipment (dump trucks, backhoe, loaders).
 - Conduct inspections (televised, dye, smoke, and manhole) and record findings.
 - Maintain preventive maintenance schedules and accurate work records.
 - Troubleshoot, maintain, and assist in the repair of pumping systems, valves, and instrumentation.
 - Safely enter confined spaces and use related gas detection and ventilation equipment.
 - Respond to customer concerns, assess issues, and take corrective action.
 - Complete and log work orders electronically using city-provided devices.
 - Train and assist other employees as assigned.
 - Support other public service functions as needed, including snow removal, water main repairs, and emergency operations.
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Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED required.
- Minimum **five (5) years of experience** in municipal sewer maintenance or a related field.
- Thorough knowledge of sewer construction, maintenance methods, and safety procedures.

- Demonstrated ability to operate heavy and power-driven equipment.
 - Ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods and work in all weather conditions.
 - Effective communication skills and ability to maintain positive working relationships.
 - Proficient in completing written reports and digital work logs.
 - Valid **Class B Commercial Driver's License** with air brakes, manual transmission, and N-Tank Vehicle endorsement required.
 - Any applicable **state certifications** related to collection system operations preferred.
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Physical & Work Environment

This position requires regular physical activity including climbing, kneeling, lifting (up to 100 lbs occasionally), and working in confined spaces. Employees are frequently exposed to outdoor weather conditions, wet environments, loud noise, and potential contact with municipal wastewater and related gases. Safety procedures and protective equipment are mandatory.

Why Join the City of Owosso?

This position offers steady, year-round employment, and the chance to serve your community by maintaining critical public infrastructure. The City of Owosso values professionalism, teamwork, and safety in all operations.

How to Apply

Applications and detailed job descriptions are available at **www.ci.owosso.mi.us** or at **Owosso City Hall, 301 W. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867.**

Position open until filled.