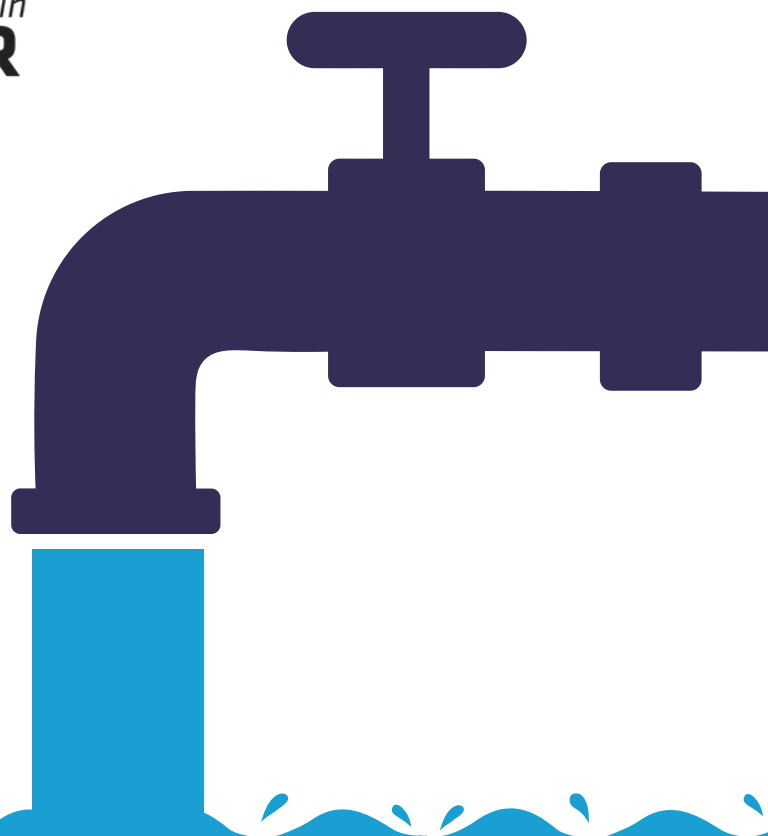


JOB PROFILE

Wastewater Operator



What does a Wastewater Operator Do?

Wastewater operators provide a vital service in a community: removing wastewater from homes and making it safe to return to the environment.

Wastewater operators are the backbone of any community. Without wastewater operators, sewage would not be removed from homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses and/or would be dumped into local waterways causing harm to everyone and everything that interacts with that water. Diseases would be prevalent in our communities. Wastewater operators are responsible for keeping our communities and ecosystems healthy!

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Operate equipment in wastewater treatment plants

Collect, test, and record wastewater samples

Learn wastewater treatment processes to protect public health

NATIONAL AVERAGE SALARY

\$27,164 - \$58,568

Profile of a Wastewater Operator

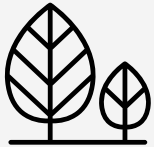
Where do wastewater operators work?

Wastewater operators work for wastewater utilities. It is the business of a wastewater utility to ensure that sewage is removed from homes, businesses, hospitals, schools, and industries in a community. Then, wastewater operators treat and sanitize the water so that it can be returned to the natural environment.

Wastewater utilities are diverse in size and complexity. Some utilities use a lagoon while others operate mechanical treatment plants. Some systems may have a combination of the two types. Smaller utilities may serve communities of a few hundred people, while others serve large cities with millions.

Small or large, all water utilities must know and meet the water quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

You're a good fit if you like to:



work for the good of the community

do something different every day

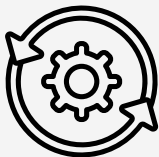
work inside and outside

use different technologies

use tools and heavy machinery

respond to emergency situations

work independently and in a team



LICENSES/EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

High school diploma or GED

Work at a water utility for 2 years

Take the state certification exam



Scan to learn how to be a wastewater operator in your state.