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The Department of Public Works personnel consists of a total of nine (9) staff which includes the director, assistant director, one administrative resource assistant, two (2) CDL drivers, and four (4) laborers.

Routine weekly responsibilities of the City of Mount Rainier Public Works Department includes residential trash service, recycling, bulk trash service, special bulk pick-up, residential yard waste service, grass cutting, trimming of trees, bushes, and other vegetation on city properties (e.g., Spring park, Memorial park, Richardson Park, Rhode Island Avenue traffic circle, 3601 Bunker Hill Road, 30th Street islands, intersection of Buchanan Street and Chillum Road, on Rhode Island from the Library to 37th Street, Islands at Rhode Island and 34th Street, Bass Alley, 3701 Eastern Avenue, 3507 Perry Street, the former B&B Carryout, and removal of trash from street can receptacles, and other abatements as required.

Additional responsibilities of the department includes the removal of trash and debris on private property when in the assessment of management, code enforcement, police personnel, and public works, the conditions present a safety or health hazards for the residents and surrounding jurisdictions.

The number one health hazard and the most horrific of all the responsibilities of the department is the removal of human excrement and urine from the alleyways and ramps at city hall, the alley behind the former Bass Liquor Store, the alley between Odd and Even Thrift Shop and the building owned by Mr. Randihawa. The process for cleaning includes use of ammonia and bleach, which must be scrubbed and power washed.

Ensuring the health and safety of the city in terms of trash accumulation as it relates to household consumables, illegal dumping, vacant property, etc. is the number one priority. City services conducted on private property is paid for through the invoicing of property owners and through property tax liens.