

Electric Sewer Cleaning Machine Operator Interview Questions

1. Share an experience in which you've successfully learned how to handle a new piece of equipment?

2. Tell me about your qualifications for and your experience handling vehicles and/or mechanized equipment.

3. What kind of experience do you have operating sewer cleaning equipment, including power rodders, high velocity water jets, sewer flushers, bucket machines, wayne balls, and vac-alls?

4. Name a time when you drove trucks to transport crews, materials, and equipment.

5. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.

6. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

7. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

8. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

9. Describe an experience when you communicated with supervisors and other workers, using equipment such as wireless phones, pagers, or radio telephones.

10. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

11. What factors do you consider when ensuring that repaired sewer line joints are tightly sealed before backfilling begins?

12. Tell me about a time when you developed your own way of doing things or were self-motivated to finish an important task.

13. How do you balance cooperation with others and independent thinking? Share an example. (Try to determine if the candidate has a cooperative attitude or is otherwise good-natured.)

14. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your

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company?

15. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and can demonstrate some initiative.)

16. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change? (Make sure the candidate is flexible.)

17. Describe methods you have found effective to install rotary knives on flexible cables mounted on machine reels, according to the diameters of pipes to be cleaned.

18. Walk me through how you would withdraw cables from pipes and examine them for evidence of mud, roots, grease, and other deposits indicating broken or clogged sewer lines.

19. Name a time when your creativity or alternative thinking solved a problem in your workplace.

20. Name a time when you cleaned and repaired septic tanks, sewer lines, or related structures such as manholes, culverts, and catch basins.