

Field Hands / Swampers

A "swamper" is an oilfield worker who primarily assists the hydrovac operator with performing manual labor tasks like digging, shoveling, spraying, debris removal, hose hook up and general equipment maintenance on the job site, ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the hydrovac truck during any and all oilfield jobs or projects; essentially acting as a ground-level helper to the operator while following safety protocols and environmental guidelines.

Key responsibilities of a hydrovac swamper:

Supporting the operator:

Assisting the hydrovac operator in setting up, operating, and maintaining the hydrovac equipment. Utilizing the high powered sprayer, Digging, shoveling, and helping to run the vac truck to remove waste from tanks or around the jobsite.

Well site Safety:

Understanding the basic rules surrounding every oilfield well site and location, completing required annual training.

Equipment maintenance:

Performing basic maintenance tasks on the Vac truck and/or trailers and attachments, such as cleaning and inspecting hoses and connections. Completing daily checks to verify all tools and necessary equipment are on the truck and ready for each job.

Site cleanup:

Maintaining a clean and organized work area by removing debris and disposing of waste properly.

Safety compliance:

Adhering to all safety procedures and wearing required personal protective equipment.

Skills and qualifications for a hydrovac swamper:

- **Physical ability:** Ability to perform manual labor tasks like digging and lifting heavy objects.
- **Basic mechanical knowledge:** Understanding of how hydrovac / excavation equipment operates and basic maintenance procedures.
- **Safety awareness:** Strong commitment to safety protocols and procedures.

- **Communication skills:** Effective communication with the hydrovac operator and other crew members.
- **Oilfield experience:** Prior experience in the Oil field is preferred.

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