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## Question - 1:

How would your boss and co-workers describe you?

### Ans:

First of all, be honest (remember, if you get this job, the hiring manager will be calling your former bosses and co-workers!). Then, try to pull out strengths and traits you haven't discussed in other aspects of the interview As Waste Management Specialist, such as your strong work ethic or your willingness to pitch in on other projects when needed.

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## Question - 2:

If you had enough money to retire would you?

### Ans:

Just be honest. If you would retire then say so. But since you can't retire, and the interviewer already knows this, simply answer that since you can't this is type of work you prefer doing. However, if you wouldn't retire if you had the money then explain why. Work is an important element of happiness for most people and many won't retire even when they can.

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## Question - 3:

Tell me about a decision you made recently and how you reached it As Waste Management Specialist?

### Ans:

The key is to show that you put a lot of thought (weighing out the pros and cons) but were able to be decisive. Be sure to explain your logic in arriving at the decision.

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## Question - 4:

What relevant work experience do you have in this career field As Waste Management Specialist?

### Ans:

Talk about specific work related experience for the position you're interviewing for. Make sure the experience is relevant. Don't talk about previous experience that is not related to the position in question. If you don't have specific career related experience speak about prior experience that has helped you develop the specific knowledge and skills required for the position you are applying for.

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## Question - 5:

What is your dream job?

### Ans:

There is almost no good answer to this question, so don't be specific. If you tell the interviewer that the job you're applying for with his/her company is the perfect job you may lose credibility if you don't sound believable (which you probably won't if you're not telling the truth.) If you give the interviewer some other job the interviewer may get concerned that you'll get dissatisfied with the position if you're hired. Again, don't be specific. A good response could be, "A job where my work ethic and abilities are recognized and I can make a meaningful difference to the organization."

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## Question - 6:

If you were interviewing someone for this position As Waste Management Specialist, what traits would you look for?

### Ans:

This is where the interviewer tries to turn the tables on you. Answer confidently by stating 3 specific traits that are applicable to that job role. For example, a consulting job would likely look for someone who can think outside of the box.



After answering, ask them, "Am I spot on here and if not, what traits would you look for?"

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### Question - 7:

How well do you perform under pressure?

#### Ans:

This is a fair question, as potential employers want to know if you're going to be able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful. You may say that you thrive under pressure or that you're able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful, just make sure to provide some real world examples of your ability to work under pressure in a prior job.

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### Question - 8:

You notice there are too many non productive internal meetings being held, what do you do?

#### Ans:

Reach out to your boss and let him know that first you value his leadership and organization but that you are being overwhelmed with the amount of non productive internal meetings.

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### Question - 9:

What would you do if you won the lottery?

#### Ans:

The interviewer is asking this question to find out what your true passion is. Ideally it aligns to the type of work you're interviewing for. If not, tie it back in terms of how it relates to the job, for example, "I believe I'll learn the necessary skills in this job to pursue my passion later on in life."

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### Question - 10:

Think about the changes you have seen and tell me how you handle change?

#### Ans:

You can cite personal life changes, work place changes, career changes, technology change, industry change. The key is to discuss how seeing or experiencing that change has helped your development. For example, the recent changes in social media has broadened my horizons and helped me learn new forms of efficient marketing.

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### Question - 11:

Tell us something about yourself?

#### Ans:

Bad Answer: Candidates who ramble on about themselves without regard for information that will actually help the interviewer make a decision, or candidates who actually provide information showing they are unfit for the job.

Good answer: An answer that gives the interviewer a glimpse of the candidate's personality, without veering away from providing information that relates to the job. Answers should be positive, and not generic.

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### Question - 12:

What do you know about our company?

#### Ans:

You always want to make sure that you're pretty familiar with the company that you're interviewing with. Nothing looks worse than a candidate who knows nothing about the company they say they're interested in working for. Find out everything you can about the company, its culture and its goals. You will also want to know how the company is positioned in its market as well as who its major competitors are.

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### Question - 13:

Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

#### Ans:

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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### Question - 14:

Tell me about a time when you had to give someone difficult feedback As Waste Management Specialist?

#### Ans:

By asking this question, your interviewer hopes to learn whether you can communicate effectively, address issues in the workplace and motivate others during difficult times. Giving negative feedback requires honesty, thoughtfulness and tact. Answering this question well can help show an interviewer that you would be a good fit for a managerial position or a position that involves working closely with others.

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**Question - 15:**

Give me a specific example of a time when you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree?

**Ans:**

You want to first understand why the policy was put into effect. From there, if you truly disagree with it, explain your position to your management. If they don't change it, then you must accept their decision and continue to work or the alternative decision would be to find a new job.

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**Question - 16:**

How do you believe you would benefit our organization?

**Ans:**

This is a great question that provides you the opportunity to put your best foot forward, to tell the interviewer why he or she should consider hiring you for the job. Make sure you're well prepared for this question as you won't likely get a second chance to really shine.

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**Question - 17:**

Tell me about a time when you had to think strategically?

**Ans:**

There was a time when I was told I had to get rid of 20% of my people. I had to determine which persons I needed the most by determining who could do what. I had to put aside personal feelings so that I could keep a working crew to handle the same workload with less people.

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**Question - 18:**

Give me an example of how you handled pressure at work As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

The company is looking to see if you can handle pressure well. Share with them an example where you were able to stay calm during a pressure filled situation (perhaps it was a deadline, or there was an emergency with a customer occurring). Discuss the situation, your reaction and steps you took to resolve it and the outcome.

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**Question - 19:**

What motivates you?

**Ans:**

I've always been motivated by the challenge - in my last role, I was responsible for training our new recruits and having a 100% success rate in passing scores. I know that this job is very fast-paced and I'm more than up for the challenge. In fact, I thrive on it.

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**Question - 20:**

What's the last book you read?

**Ans:**

Try to talk about a book related to the industry, for example, if you're applying for a role related to business, cite a business book.

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**Question - 21:**

What are your thoughts on failure?

**Ans:**

Failure happens. It's a part of life. The key is understanding that you can't be perfect at everything and more importantly you're going to learn from failures to come out stronger.

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**Question - 22:**

What are three positive characteristics you wish you had?

**Ans:**

The key here is to be honest about your wish list but then to describe how you plan on developing or growing those characteristics so that it becomes a reality. For example, I wish I had a stronger work ethic and I am reading a book right now about how to instill a better discipline around getting work done efficiently.

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**Question - 23:**

Do you work better on a team, with just one partner, or alone?

**Ans:**

Ideally you can handle all three well, but you may have a personal preference for one or a few. The key is to make sure you understand what the job is looking for and to pair your answer with that (assuming it's true)

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**Question - 24:**

If hired, how do you intend on making a difference with our company?

**Ans:**

Dedicate myself to learn everything about the new company that I can, look for ways and ideas that could improve, processes, safety, removing obstacles from the associates, I want to advance within the company.

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**Question - 25:**

How do you handle conflicts with people you supervise?

**Ans:**

At first place, you try to avoid conflicts if you can. But once it happens and there's no way to avoid it, you try to understand the point of view of the other person and find the solution good for everyone. But you always keep the authority of your position.

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**Question - 26:**

What did you major in and why?

**Ans:**

Tell them your major and the motivations behind why you chose it and how it's helped to prep your of this potential job.

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**Question - 27:**

What's been your biggest failure to date?

**Ans:**

Describe your biggest failure and discuss what you've learned from it and ideally how you've been successful since because of that lesson.

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**Question - 28:**

What motivates you to work As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

Describe what makes you passionate about the work. It could be the company's vision, the product, your desire to succeed, the clients, your peers and so on. They key is to first understand what internally motivates you to do your job and then to emphasize that in a positive way

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**Question - 29:**

What is your greatest failure As Waste Management Specialist, and what did you learn from it?

**Ans:**

When I was in college, I took an art class to supplement my curriculum. I didn't take it very seriously, and assumed that, compared to my Engineering classes, it would be a walk in the park. My failing grades at midterm showed me otherwise. I'd even jeopardized my scholarship status. I knew I had to get my act together. I spent the rest of the semester making up for it, ended up getting a decent grade in the class. I learned that no matter what I'm doing, I should strive to do it to the best of my ability. Otherwise, it's not worth doing at all.

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**Question - 30:**

Where do you see yourself in 5 years with your career?

**Ans:**

Be sure to paint a clear picture of your career vision that demonstrates your aspirations and goals that are realistic. This could emphasize increased responsibility, the ability to manage people and so forth

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**Question - 31:**

What is your biggest regret to date and why?

**Ans:**

Describe honestly the regretful action / situation you were in but then discuss how you proactively fixed / improved it and how that helped you to improve as a person/worker.

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**Question - 32:**

What do you aspire to be?

**Ans:**

Discuss your aspirations for the near, immediate and long term. You want to show them you are thinking of making an impact now as well as the future.

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**Question - 33:**

What is your greatest strength? How does it help you As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

One of my greatest strengths, and that I am a diligent worker... I care about the work getting done.. I am always willing to help others in the team.. Being patient helps me not jump to conclusions... Patience helps me stay calm when I have to work under pressure.. Being a diligent worker.. It ensures that the team has the same goals in accomplishing certain things.

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**Question - 34:**

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

**Ans:**

Describe both your personal and professional favorites. If you happen to like professional books / magazines that relate to the industry of the company you're applying for - that's definitely worth highlighting.

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**Question - 35:**

Why do you want to work in this industry As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

Make sure you research the industry first. Then find at least 3 core things about that industry that you're passionate about (for example: how their solutions impact clients, their culture, the leadership, etc)

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**Question - 36:**

How important is a positive attitude to you?

**Ans:**

Incredibly important. I believe a positive attitude is the foundation of being successful - it's contagious in the workplace, with our customers, and ultimately it's the difference maker.

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**Question - 37:**

How do you feel about technology at the workplace in general?

**Ans:**

It's a great enabler for us to collaborate better as a team, for us to reach customers more efficiently and frequently and I believe it can help any company become more efficient, leaner, and more productive.

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**Question - 38:**

What's been your biggest success to date?

**Ans:**

Talk about a story / experience about how you achieved success and be sure to share details on the results and outcome. Have it highlight a strong characteristic such as leadership, work ethic and so forth.

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**Question - 39:**

What other companies are you interviewing at?

**Ans:**

Be open and share if you are indeed interviewing elsewhere, but do it in a humble way. This way you don't seem arrogant and the interviewer knows your skills are valued by other companies. This also tends to make them want you more as they know they are competing for your services.

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**Question - 40:**

Do you have the ability to articulate a vision and to get others involved to carry it out?

**Ans:**

If yes, then share an example of how you've done so at work or college. If not, then discuss how you would do so. Example: "I would first understand the goals of the staff members and then I would align those to the goals of the project / company. Then I would articulate the vision of that alignment and ask them to participate. From there, we would delegate tasks among the team and then follow up on a date and time to ensure follow through on the tasks. Lastly, we would review the results together."

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**Question - 41:**

What was the most important task you ever had?

**Ans:**

There are two common answers to this question that do little to impress recruiters:



\* 'I got a 2.1'

\* 'I passed my driving test'

No matter how proud you are of these achievements, they don't say anything exciting about you. When you're going for a graduate job, having a degree is hardly going to make you stand out from the crowd and neither is having a driving licence, which is a requirement of many jobs.

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### Question - 42:

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

**Ans:**

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.

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### Question - 43:

What aspect of supervision do you find the most difficult?

**Ans:**

Managing different personalities and keeping them focused on the goal at hand.

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### Question - 44:

What is your desired salary As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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### Question - 45:

Are you planning to continue your studies and training As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.

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### Question - 46:

What types of personalities do you work with best?

**Ans:**

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.

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### Question - 47:

What is your biggest achievement?

**Ans:**

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.

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### Question - 48:

Do you have any questions for me?

**Ans:**

Good interview questions to ask interviewers at the end of the job interview include questions on the company growth or expansion, questions on personal development and training and questions on company values, staff retention and company achievements.

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### Question - 49:

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)





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**Question - 50:**

There's no right or wrong answer, but if you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

**Ans:**

Just be honest about where you'd like to be - you never know - you may end up bonding with the interviewer with the location. However, you want to stress that you want to work out of the location that you're interviewing for.

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**Question - 51:**

Tell me the difference between good and exceptional?

**Ans:**

Good gets the job done on time and is high quality. Exceptional is a game changer - it stands out, it's creative, it's above and beyond expectations. Tell the interviewer a story about how you were exceptional.

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**Question - 52:**

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

**Ans:**

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.

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**Question - 53:**

How much do you expect to get paid As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**

For this be prepared and research salary to find out what similar positions are paying in your area before you go to the interview. Try to find this information out before giving your salary expectations. You can and should provide a range instead of an exact number. But again, don't say any numbers you're not comfortable with because if the employer offers you a salary at the lowest end of your range, you don't have much to negotiate with when it comes to getting a higher salary.

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**Question - 54:**

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

**Ans:**

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.

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**Question - 55:**

What problems have you encountered at work?

**Ans:**

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it--a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire.

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**Question - 56:**

If I were to give you this salary you requested but let you write your job description for the next year, what would it say?

**Ans:**

It should say the same thing - after all - if you think this salary is fair then it should suit the responsibilities!

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**Question - 57:**

Tell me one thing about yourself you wouldn't want me to know?

**Ans:**

Talk about a trait that you would consider a weakness. No need to talk about your deepest darkest secrets here.

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**Question - 58:**

Do you have any question regarding this job As Waste Management Specialist?

**Ans:**



Never ask Salary, perks, leave, place of posting, etc. regarded questions. Try to ask more about the company to show how early you can make a contribution to your organization like. "Sir, with your kind permission I would like to know more about induction and developmental programs?" OR Sir, I would like to have my feedback, so that I can analyze and improve my strengths and rectify my shortcomings.

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**Question - 59:**

How do you handle stressful situations?

**Ans:**

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve .

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**Question - 60:**

How good are you at problem solving?

**Ans:**

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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