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Snow Heavy Equipment Operator

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STRENGTHS

- ❄️ **Storm Response**
Reports during short notice snow events and keeps priority routes serviceable through long shifts.
- 🔧 **Equipment Care**
Catches wear during inspections and routine maintenance, a small step that prevents bigger disruptions.
- 📍 **Site Awareness**
Places removed snow away from sidewalks, hydrants, landscaping, vehicles, and fire access routes.
- ♥️ **Safety Practice**
Uses task appropriate PPE around traffic, noise, fumes, dust, and moving equipment without shortcuts.
- 🗣️ **Crew Communication**
Shares changing conditions and equipment concerns early, helping supervisors adjust work before problems spread.

SKILLS

Snowplow Operation

Heavy Equipment Operation

Snow Removal Storm Response

Equipment Safety

Equipment Maintenance

Job Sheets Hazard Reporting

Grounds Maintenance Mowers

Trimmers Blowers Edgers

Hand Tools PPE

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

SUMMARY

Heavy equipment operator with four years of seasonal and year round grounds operations experience across commercial properties in West Michigan. Operates plow trucks and **heavy equipment** during extended snow events, preserving sidewalks, fire hydrants, landscaping, parked vehicles, access routes, and approved snow storage areas. Completes **job sheets** after each service visit and reports hazards, incidents, blocked access, and equipment concerns promptly. Performs pre use inspections, routine maintenance, and basic equipment care that support reliable dispatch coverage. Comfortable with overnight, weekend, holiday, and short notice callouts across changing worksites. Brings a valid **Michigan driver's license**, **reliable transportation**, strong outdoor stamina, clear crew communication, and consistent PPE use in traffic, noise, fumes, dust, and extreme temperatures.

EXPERIENCE

Heavy Equipment Operator

Great Lakes Property Operations 📅 November 2024 - Present 📍 Grand Rapids, MI

Supports commercial property snow response and seasonal grounds operations across changing worksites. Operates plow trucks and **heavy equipment**, completes service documentation, maintains equipment readiness, and coordinates site priorities with supervisors during weather driven dispatches.

- Operated plow trucks across commercial sites, preserving sidewalks, hydrants, landscaping, and storage zones.
- Reported for overnight storm assignments, coordinating site sequence with supervisors and protecting priority access routes.
- Completed **job sheets** after operations, documenting conditions, equipment use, incidents, and completion status.
- Performed pre use inspections and routine maintenance, identifying wear before equipment interrupted event coverage.
- Used required **PPE** around traffic, **mechanical hazards**, loud equipment, and active winter operations.
- Shifted between snow response and grounds work using **mowers**, **trimmers**, blowers, edgers, shovels, and rakes.

Snow Equipment Operator

Riverbend Site Services 📅 November 2023 - October 2024 📍 Wyoming, MI

Handled **snow removal** across retail and multifamily properties during repeated storm cycles. Combined plow operation, manual clearing, equipment checks, site travel, **hazard reporting**, and accurate documentation to support safe service delivery.

- Operated snowplows through extended storms, moving accumulation away from routes, fire access, and landscaping.
- Conducted equipment walkarounds, fluid checks, cleaning, and attachment inspections before repeated storm dispatches.
- Reported pavement changes, blocked access, equipment concerns, and hazards so supervisors could adjust assignments.
- Performed manual snow and grounds work with **shovels**, **rakes**, and powered landscape equipment.
- Worked safely near vehicles, **fumes**, dust, loud equipment, and severe winter temperatures while maintaining PPE.
- Traveled among assigned worksites using **reliable transportation** and maintained documentation for every service visit.

Equipment Operator

West Michigan Grounds Crew 📅 April 2022 - October 2023 📍 Kentwood, MI

MY CAREER



- Heavy Equipment Operator at Great Lakes Property Operations (1.9 Years)
- Snow Equipment Operator at Riverbend Site Services (11 Months)
- Equipment Operator at West Michigan Grounds Crew (1.5 Years)

Supported high volume commercial grounds routes and supervised winter response work across multiple daily locations. Built practical equipment control, maintenance, site awareness, manual labor, and crew communication skills applicable to snow operations.

- Operated grounds equipment and compact machinery on high volume commercial maintenance routes.
- Used mowers, trimmers, **blowers**, and **edgers** while monitoring pedestrians, vehicles, water, and hazards.
- Completed lifting, bending, kneeling, walking, and material handling during full outdoor shifts.
- Performed equipment checks, cleaning, and minor maintenance, documenting defects before production use.
- Supported winter response with plowing, shoveling, and cleanup under experienced operator direction.
- Communicated site conditions, completion status, and safety concerns with crew leads across daily locations.

PROJECTS

Winter Access Clearing 📅 2025

A blocked access lane can change an entire storm response. Cleared priority routes while placing snow away from sidewalks, hydrants, landscaping, and fire access points.

Seasonal Equipment Readiness 📅 2024

Reliable equipment starts before dispatch. Completed walkarounds, fluid checks, cleaning, attachment inspections, and routine maintenance across repeated storm and grounds assignments.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by crew leadership for dependable overnight and holiday storm response coverage.
- Trusted with accurate service sheets and prompt reporting of hazards, incidents, and equipment concerns.
- Commended for safe PPE use and steady work around traffic, noise, fumes, and severe weather.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

East Kentwood High School 🎓 GPA: 3.0 📅 2022 📍 Kentwood, MI

***Coursework:** Workplace safety, applied mathematics, technical education, physical education*

CERTIFICATIONS

- Michigan Driver's License 📅 2026
- Personal Protective Equipment Safety Training 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Snow Equipment:** Plow trucks, snowplows, heavy equipment
- **Grounds Equipment:** Mowers, trimmers, blowers, edgers
- **Hand Tools:** Shovels, rakes, hand tools
- **Equipment Maintenance:** Fluid checks, cleaning, attachment inspections
- **Safety Equipment:** Safety footwear, high visibility clothing, head protection
- **Protective Equipment:** Hand protection, eye protection, hearing protection
- **Service Documentation:** Job sheets, site conditions, completion records
- **Hazard Reporting:** Incident reporting, equipment concerns, safety issues
- **Site Operations:** Commercial properties, retail sites, multifamily properties
- **Worksite Conditions:** Traffic exposure, fumes, dust, loud noise
- **Winter Operations:** Snow events, storm response, overnight dispatch
- **Grounds Operations:** Property clearing, seasonal maintenance, site cleanup

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Commercial Grounds Operations Crews, West Michigan service routes
- Seasonal Snow Response Teams, retail and multifamily properties
- Worksite Safety Communications, supervisor and crew coordination

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST