

Trash compactor annual maintenance checklist

The annual trash compactor service is the deep pass: the measurements, cleanings and tests a quarterly round doesn't reach. This checklist keeps the full service on record with the photos that make it defensible later. Work is commonly verified against manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The compactor-service tech on the annual service visit. When: Once a year, with the unit locked out so the cylinder, controls and each safety can be gone over properly.

Hydraulics and structure

- ☐ Cylinder, pressure and ram wear checked under load
System pressure verified against the instructions, cylinder holding without ram creep, ram face and guide rails not worn or gouged. 2 photos required
- ☐ Hoses, seals and reservoir serviced
Hoses and seals inspected and replaced as needed, oil and filter changed on interval, breather clear, no external weeping after. 1 photo required

Safety systems tested

- ☐ Every interlock and stop function-tested
Each access-door interlock and emergency stop actually tripped and confirmed to halt the ram, key control and start sequence verified. 2 photos required
- ☐ Guards, decals and lockout points confirmed
All guards refitted and secure, safety and hazard decals legible, lockout point functional for the next service. 1 photo required

Electrical

- ☐ Contactors, connections and cord inspected
Contactors and terminals tight with no scorching, motor cord and conduit sound in the wet environment, disconnect operating. 1 photo required