

# **Technician Daily Training**

## **Morning Start: Preparing for the Day**

#### 1. Arrive at the Office/Truck Pickup Location

- o Clock in.
- Retrieve the company truck or designated work vehicle.

#### 2. Truck Inspection & Safety Checklist

- Conduct a quick visual truck check:
  - Tires properly inflated
  - Lights working
  - Fluid levels (oil, coolant, washer fluid) sufficient
- o Ensure the gas tank has enough fuel for the day.
- o Confirm all **safety gear and supplies** are stocked and in good condition:
  - Gloves (multiple pairs)
  - Safety glasses (for handling sprays)
  - Waste bags (including backups)
  - Scooper and rake
  - **Deodorizing & sanitation spray** (if applicable)
  - Hand sanitizer/wipes
  - Disinfectant spray (for tools and shoes)
  - Route sheet or mobile app with scheduled stops

#### 3. Review Route & Client Notes

- Check for **special instructions** (locked gates, aggressive pets, client preferences).
- Note any **new clients or cancellations**.
- Contact clients if necessary to confirm backyard access.

# On the Job: Servicing Clients

## Arriving at a Client's Home

#### Park Safely & Prepare

- o Park legally, avoiding driveways/mailboxes.
- Before exiting the vehicle:
  - Put on safety gloves.
  - If using deodorizer/sanitation spray later, have safety glasses ready to wear.
- Gather supplies:
  - Scooper, rake, and collection bin
  - Insert a fresh waste bag into the bin before approaching the yard.

### **Gate & Yard Entry Procedures**

#### 1. Ensuring Secure Entry

- Approach the gate and inspect it for any damage.
- Confirm that it is closed and latched securely before opening.
- o Open the gate just enough to enter, then immediately close it behind you.
- o Double-check that the gate is **fully latched** before proceeding into the yard.

### **Safety Around Pets**

#### 1. Assessing Pet Behavior

- o Check if the homeowner's pet is outside.
- If the pet is present:
  - Allow them to approach you first.
  - Avoid sudden movements.
  - **Do not enter** if the pet appears aggressive—**contact the owner**.
- o If no pet is outside, remain cautious and aware of surroundings.

# **Poop Removal Process**

## Walking the Yard Systematically

#### 1. Efficient Scanning & Movement

- o First, walk the perimeter of the yard along the fence line, scanning for waste.
- Next, walk the yard in straight lines:
  - First, North to South
  - Then, East to West (cross-checking for missed waste)
- o Pay special attention to areas near:
  - Fences and corners
  - Under bushes and trees
  - Playsets, patios, or high-traffic pet zones

# **Scooping Process**

#### 1. Proper Waste Collection Technique

- Lower the bin collection unit to the ground before scooping.
- When spotting waste:
  - Position yourself so the waste pile is in front of you.
  - Use the rake to approach from behind the waste pile.
  - **Gently flick or scoop** the waste forward into the bin collector.
- o Use multiple small scoops if necessary to prevent spillage.
- o **Double-check each section** before moving to the next.

# Final Yard Check & Waste Disposal

## 1. Before Leaving the Yard:

o Walk the yard one last time to confirm all waste has been collected.

o **If no additional sanitation is required**, securely **tie off the waste bag** and place it in the truck's designated bin.

# Sanitization & Deodorizing (If Client Requested Add-On Service)

- 1. Preparing for Sanitization & Deodorizing
- **Return to the truck** to grab the **backpack sprayer** with the sanitation or deodorizing solution.
- Put on safety glasses before spraying.
- Re-enter the yard, repeating the gate safety checklist:
  - o Check that the latch is secure **before opening**.
  - Close it immediately after entering.
- 2. Safe Spraying Techniques
- Assess wind conditions before spraying.
- If windy:
  - o Lower the sprayer nozzle closer to the ground.
  - Use **short sweeping motions** to control the direction of the spray.
  - o Avoid spraying near flower beds, gardens, or patios to prevent runoff.
- Focus on high-traffic pet areas (e.g., near dog runs, patios, or play areas).
- 3. Exit Yard & Secure Gate
- After spraying, exit the yard and check the gate latch again.
- Ensure the gate is securely closed.

## **Client Communication (If Required)**

- 1. Updating Clients
- Leave a door hanger or send a text/app update.
- Report any issues (e.g., broken gate, aggressive pet).

# Midday Break & Continued Route

- 1. Lunch & Hydration
- Take a break, hydrate, and restock supplies if needed.
- Sanitize hands and clean tools if necessary.
- 2. Continue Servicing More Clients
- Repeat the same process at each property.

# End of the Workday: Wrap-Up & Disposal

- 1. Final Waste Disposal
- Empty the truck's waste bin at the designated disposal site.
- Ensure proper handling per local waste regulations.
- 2. Truck & Equipment Clean-Up
- Sanitize scooping tools and boots.
- Restock supplies for the next day.

- Refuel the truck if needed.
- 3. End-of-Day Reporting
- Mark all **completed jobs** in the app/system.
- Note any client issues or feedback.
- Communicate with the team if necessary.
- 4. Return Truck & Clock Out
- Park the vehicle in the designated spot.
- Clock out and head home!

# **Key Takeaways for a Safe & Efficient Shift**

- ✓ Wear gloves before approaching a yard and safety glasses before spraying any deodorizer or sanitizer.
- Always follow the gate safety checklist when entering and exiting.
- Use a structured walking pattern to avoid missing waste.
- Lower the bin before scooping and gently flick waste inside using the rake.
- ✓ If windy, control the spray direction by keeping the nozzle low and using sweeping motions.
- **Double-check the yard and gate before leaving** to ensure everything is secure.