

Municipal Service Departments in Local Government

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Entry Ticket

What is a municipal service? If you don't know, what do you think it is?

Type your answer in the blue space below.

Explore

[Click here](#) to watch the video and answer the questions.

Objectives

Students will identify essential municipal services provided by their local government and the importance of each service in maintaining a healthy and safe community.







Students will read and analyze an informational text and present findings about an essential municipal service through a digital whiteboard.

Read and Watch

You and your partner have been assigned to read and report on **one municipal service** in local government. **Read the informational text** and take notes. With your partner, **record your findings** in a digital whiteboard below. Visit the department website page and watch the informational video.

Tip: Look at the digital whiteboard on one partner's laptop and read/watch on the other partner's laptop. Add information to the whiteboard as you find it in the text.

☰ Municipal Service Departments in Local Government - Informational Text

Department Website Page	Informational Video
Fire Department	 #FDNYSmart Virtual Firehouse T...
Health & Human Services Department	 What Does The Department Of H...
Parks and Recreation Department	 Top Benefits of Parks and Recrea...
Building and Housing Department	 What Is Department Of Housing ...
Sanitation Department	 A New York sanitation worker
Transportation Department	 Department of Transportation

Digital Whiteboard

[Click here](#) to create a digital whiteboard with your partner. Using the information from the informational text, fill out the whiteboard and be ready to present your findings.

You only need to make one digital whiteboard for each group! Please write both partners names on the digital whiteboard.

Exit Ticket

A heatwave is starting in the town. Residents are experiencing electricity blackouts, disrupted traffic signals, overflow of garbage on the streets, and a rise in heatstroke. This unexpected heatwave throws a curveball at the daily operations of the town, demanding a response from each municipal service department to ensure public safety and keep essential services running smoothly for the entire community.

**How can your department help the town during the heatwave?
Highlight what your department would do.**

- Increase patrols to respond to any fire outbreaks caused by the heatwave quickly, provide emergency medical services for heatstroke victims, and distribute educational materials on fire safety and heat precautions.
- Open cooling centers, provide bottled water and hydration stations throughout the town, and give information on recognizing and treating heat-related illnesses.
- Extend the operating hours of community pools, provide shaded areas and misters in parks, and organize heatwave awareness events to keep residents cool and informed.
- Inspect residential cooling systems to ensure they are functioning properly, enforce building codes related to heat safety, and offer temporary housing solutions for underserved populations.
- Increase the rate of garbage collection to manage the overflow, put more workers on call to maintain cleanliness, and promote waste reduction tips to the community.
- Prioritize fixing disrupted traffic signals, provide updates on road conditions, and offer free or reduced-cost rides to cooling centers and medical facilities.