

## Working in environment and cleaning

Jobs in environment and cleaning can be full or part-time and you can work inside or outside. There are many different opportunities including:

- caretaker
- environmental protection officer
- facilities manager
- private house cleaner
- industrial cleaner
- litter picker
- street cleaner or refuse collector
- water engineer
- window cleaner



It is possible to progress from cleaning to higher-level jobs or to become self-employed and build your own business. It is not a dead end job. Work in this area is often behind the scenes in areas from building maintenance through to catering, cleaning, reception and security. You may work in office buildings, shopping centres, hospitals, schools, colleges or big sports stadiums.

English and maths will be important in order to read instructions for hazardous chemicals, work out ratios to dilute cleaning products, estimate time and follow rotas.

For more information about working in this area, go to the **asset skills** website

[www.assetskills.org](http://www.assetskills.org) or the **Directgov** website

[www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Jobseekers/LookingForWork/index.htm](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Jobseekers/LookingForWork/index.htm).