

# PRE-DUMP CHECKLIST

Before you raise the body. Any NO: stop, fix it, or move. Tape one in every cab.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Truck no. \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_

| THE GROUND                                                                       | YES                      | NO                       |
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| Firm, level ground under all wheels (no soft fill, no fresh edge, no side slope) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Truck and trailer in a straight line before raising                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Berm or stop at any edge you back up to                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overhead clear: no power lines, branches or structures above the raised body     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| THE LOAD                                                     | YES                      | NO                       |
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| Load spread evenly side to side and not heaped to one side   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tailgate unlatched and free to swing before the body goes up | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Material not frozen or packed in the front of the body       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Within legal weight (scale ticket in hand)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| THE TRUCK                                                                         | YES                      | NO                       |
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| Hoist, hoses and cylinder: no leaks; body prop in place and working               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tire pressures even side to side; suspension not leaning                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On trailers with air ride: follow the maker's rule for air springs before dumping | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seat belt on; stay in the cab while the body is up                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| WHILE DUMPING                                                                        | YES                      | NO                       |
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| Wind: don't raise the body in strong or gusty wind                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Load not flowing evenly or sticking high: STOP, lower the body, don't rock the truck | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| People clear of the truck, the swing of the tailgate and the spill area              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Body fully down and PTO off before moving off                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes / what was fixed

Rules behind it: OSHA 29 CFR 1926.601(b)(10)-(12) (body support, control latches, tailgate trip handles).  
Good practice, not a substitute for your employer's safety program or the truck and body makers' manuals.