

City of New York/Parks & Recreation
Seasonal Job Vacancy Notice
Office Title: Gardener I
Salary: \$18.33 per hour
Work Location: Citywide
Duration: The lengths of positions will vary

As the steward of over 29,000 acres of parkland, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) is a recognized leader and innovator of public spaces. We are a dynamic agency dedicated to beautifying, protecting, and revitalizing New York City's urban forest and precious green spaces. DPR is also committed to helping New Yorkers maintain active and healthy lifestyles in an urban environment.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in the planting and cultivating of trees, flowers and shrubs including tasks such as digging up, balling, burlapping, transplanting trees and shrubs, digging up and transplanting sod, potting flowers and plants as well as propagating plant life and pruning and spraying trees, shrubs and plants.
- Assist in the maintenance and operations of greenhouses and nurseries.
- Prepare soil and seed beds. Grade, sod, weed, mulch and mow lawns. Repair damaged planted areas, fertilizing and watering soil.
- Assist in and perform tasks involved in the operation and care of hand and power gardening tools and equipment. Make necessary operating adjustments to same; report needs for repairs and replacements to supervisor.
- Perform simple record keeping and prepare simple written reports.
- Drive vehicles and operates other motorized equipment incidental to the performance of duties.
- May supervise seasonal employees, as well as volunteers.
- As directed, perform tasks in connection with cleaning grounds and painting fixtures and equipment.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. One year of full-time experience in gardening work, including experience in each of the following planting, cultivating and caring for trees, plants shrubs and lawns; or
2. A certificate from a horticulture or botanic program containing college-level courses, such as programs offered by the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, etc.; or
3. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience that is equivalent to "1" above. Thirty semester credits from an accredited college, at least fifteen of which must be in horticulture, agriculture, agronomy, plant pathology, botany, landscape design or architecture, entomology, forestry, floriculture, plant production and/or crop management, may be substituted for the one year of the work experience described in "1" above.

License Requirement

A motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. This license must be maintained for the duration of employment.

Residency in New York City, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, Putnam or Westchester counties required for employees with over two years of city service. New York City residency required for all other candidates.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Familiarity with local and ornamental plant species.
2. New York State Pesticide Applicator License category 3A or 7 a plus.
3. Ability to initiate and complete projects in a timely manner.

City Employees:

- 1) Apply through Employee Self Service (ESS) under Recruiting Activities
- 2) Search for Job ID#: 195693

For all other applicants:

- 1) Go to www.nyc.gov/careers/search
- 2) Search for Job ID#: 195693

Post Date: 5/29/15

Post Until: Filled

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