



NYC Parks

CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION  
**SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE**

**Office Title:** Gardener II  
**Civil Service Title:** Gardener  
**Work Location:** Manhattan, NY

**Level:** II

**Duration:** 12 Months  
**Salary:** \$24.15/hr.

NYC Parks is the steward of nearly 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds, 1,800 basketball courts, 550 tennis courts, 67 public pools, 51 recreational facilities, 15 nature centers, 14 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches. We care for 1,200 monuments and 23 historic house museums. We look after 600,000 street trees, and two million more in parks. We are New York City's principal providers of recreational and athletic facilities and programs. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.

### **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Plant and cultivate trees, flowers and shrubs.
- Prepare soil and seed beds. Grade, sod, weed, mulch and mow lawns.
- Operate and maintain Parks & Recreation mowing equipment and sprinkler system.
- Supervise employees and volunteers and instruct them in proper gardening techniques and all aspects of general park maintenance.
- Maintain records and prepare written reports.
- Interact with staff and the public in a courteous and professional manner.

### **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.

#### Additional requirements for Assignment Level II

Candidates must have one additional year of satisfactory, full-time experience in gardening work, including experience in each of the following areas: propagating, planting, cultivating, and caring for trees, plants, shrubs and lawns.

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.

### **LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

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

#### Commercial Pesticide Applicator – Category 3A License Requirement

To be appointed or assigned to Gardener – Assignment Level II, candidates must have a Commercial Pesticide Applicator – Category 3A License issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This license must be maintained for duration of employment.

### **PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Permanent Gardeners will receive preference in hiring.

**Fees:** Hired candidates will be subject to a processing fee of \$68.00. Hired candidates who are not currently employed by the City will be subject to an \$87.00 background check fee.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Email resume and cover letter to: **Ellen Fricault at [Ellen.Fricault@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Ellen.Fricault@parks.nyc.gov)**

**POST DATE:** 6/2/2017

**POST UNTIL:** 6/30/2017

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