



NYC Parks

CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION
SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Title: Gardener, Level 1
Work Location: Citywide
Number of Positions: TBD

Duration: April 2026 to September 2026
Salary: \$24.16/hour

Join NYC Parks this spring and summer for a rewarding job caring for trees, flowers and shrubs. From the iconic Central Park to neighborhood playgrounds, we own and operate some of the most spectacular green spaces in the world. NYC Parks is the steward of over 30,000 acres of land – 14% of New York City. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds, 1,800 basketball courts, 550 tennis courts, 65 public pools, and 51 recreational facilities.

Perks - Earn vacation and sick leave every month and receive free membership to our recreation centers.

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 operate other motorized equipment incidental to the performance of duties.
- May supervise seasonal employees, as well as volunteers.

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 7A a plus.
3. Ability to initiate and complete projects in a timely manner.

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 a \$104.50 background check fee.

HOW TO APPLY:

Go to the following link, <https://linktr.ee/jobsatparks>, OR scan the QR code below.



POST DATE: 01/30/2026

POST UNTIL: FILLED

References will be required upon request. We appreciate the interest of all applicants. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF: (212) 504-4115

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