CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION

SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Title: Gardener, I
Work Location: Randall's Island, Manhattan
Number of Positions: 1

Duration: 6 months, Spring 2026 to Fall 2026
Salary: $24.16 per hour/40 hours per week

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. From the iconic Central Park to neighborhood playgrounds, we own and operate some of the most spectacular green spaces in the world.

Become a Gardener at Randall's Island and help keep our green roof beautiful.

Perks – All Parks employees receive free membership to our recreation centers.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under supervision, assist in the planting and cultivating of trees, vegetable and fruit garden, flowers and shrubs including tasks such as digging up, balling, burlapping, transplanting trees and shrubs, digging up and transplanting sod, potting flowers and plants; propagating plant life and pruning and spraying trees, shrubs and plants and tending to hydroponic systems.
- 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.
- Supervise seasonal employees, as well as volunteers, as needed.

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 is required for all other candidates.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Ability to work outdoors in all weather.
2. Knowledge of herbicides and herbicide applications.
3. Ability to climb ladders and work at various heights. Ability to lift 50 lbs and handle gas powered equipment.
4. Ability to work a flexible schedule by working occasional weekends.
5. Experience working with volunteers.

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 $101.25 background check fee.

HOW TO APPLY:
All Applicants:
Click Here to Apply: Gardener **OR**
Go to cityjobs.nyc.gov and search for Job ID# 766276.
All applicants must apply via cityjobs.nyc.gov. The City is no longer using ESS to accept applications.
***Current City Employees please include your ERN on your cover letter and resume.**

POST DATE: 01/15/2026 POST UNTIL: 03/16/2026

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

If you have any questions regarding this vacancy or require a reasonable accommodation during the application process, please call: 212-410-8961.

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