

GARDENER

General Statement of Duties and Responsibilities

Under supervision, does gardening work; performs related work.

Examples of Typical Tasks

Plants, cultivates and cares for trees, flowers, plants, shrubs and other flora.

Digs up, balls, burlaps and transplants trees and shrubs. Digs up and transplants sod. Pots flowers and plants. Propagates plant life.

Prepares soil and seed beds. Grades, sods, weeds, mulches, and mows lawns. Repairs damaged planted areas. As necessary, fertilizes and waters soil, prunes and sprays trees, shrubs and plants.

Operates and cares for hand and power gardening tools and equipment and makes necessary operating adjustments to same; reports need for repairs and replacements.

As required, keeps simple records and makes written reports.

May supervise subordinate employees, including temporary workers, instructing them in gardening techniques and in the proper use and care of materials and equipment.

As directed, performs various tasks in connection with cleaning of grounds and painting of fixtures and equipment.

Qualification Requirements

1. Two years 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. Thirty credits in horticulture, agriculture or a related field from an accredited college or community college, and one year of experience as described in "1" above; or
3. A certificate from a recognized horticultural or botanical program, and one year of full-time experience as described in "1" above; or
4. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1," "2" or "3" above. However, candidates must have at least one year of full-time experience as described in "1" above.

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License Requirements

1. A Motor Vehicle Operator's License valid in the State of New York at time of appointment.
2. A Commercial Pesticide Applicator-Category 3A License issued by the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation at time of appointment.

Direct Lines of Promotion

From: Assistant Gardener (81309)

To: Park Supervisor (81111)