



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Seasonal Gardener

Friends of the High Line raises 98% of the High Line's annual budget. Owned by the City of New York, the High Line is a public park maintained, operated, and programmed by Friends of the High Line, in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

Job Description

The Seasonal Gardener is an integral part of FHL's Park Operations team. Under the general supervision of FHL's Director of Horticulture, the Seasonal Gardener will play an important role in maintaining the High Line park and plantings during the spring and summer seasons (last week of February - September). Working interactively with a team of gardeners, volunteers, and other Operations staff, the Seasonal Gardener responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Primary Tasks

- Care for diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, grasses, and bulbs, as directed;
- Hand water and monitor irrigation of plantings, especially during time of establishment and drought;
- Perform seasonal landscape work including planting, pruning, clean-up, bulb planting, dividing and transplanting, leaf removal, as directed;
- Supervise volunteers (individuals and groups) and youth staff in horticulture tasks;
- Scout for pests and disease;
- General clean-up of garden beds and paths, clean-up litter;
- Stage equipment, supplies, and materials for daily horticulture operations;
- Participate in snow and ice removal, as needed;
- Maintain tools and equipment;
- Perform other tasks, as needed.

Qualifications

- Two or more years of experience in landscape maintenance with horticultural knowledge preferred;
- Detail-oriented, with considerable attention to order and cleanliness throughout the park;
- Willingness to work as part of a team or alone, in all weather conditions;
- Able to work in a dynamic work environment and be a good communicator with staff;
- Ability to perform heavy physical labor (able to lift 40 pounds) on a daily basis;
- Ability to use light power equipment and hand tools;
- Willingness to act as an ambassador for Friends of the High Line, answering questions for park visitors about horticulture and general park information;
- Experience working with volunteers and youth preferred;
- Able to work overtime, weekends, holidays as needed;
- Valid NY state driver's license.

To Apply

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and salary requirements through this our applicant portal: <https://thehighline.workable.com/j/D4C115411B>. Only those whose applications are being considered will be contacted. Review of applications will begin 2nd week of January through early February until positions are filled.

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