



Garden Assistant

Abbey Gardens is a charitable organization created with a mission to transform a spent gravel pit into a green space dedicated to developing economic, ecological, educational, and recreational growth within our community. We bring this mission to life by focusing on three key pillars, Environmental Restoration, Community Education, and Local Food Systems. The Garden team is dedicated to supporting all three pillars by practicing sustainable gardening techniques, offering workshops on how to grow and harvest your own food, and by working with community partners to grow food for our local community.

The Garden Assistant aids the Gardener in caring for the garden operations on site. Abbey Gardens is working towards creating a combination of plots for our own use and plots for a community garden to offer people a space to grow their own food. The garden also supplies product to our kitchen and cafe to support our farm to table experiences. The team will focus on sustainable gardening practices, building soils, and supporting biodiversity. We maintain crops grown in our unheated hoop houses as well as in our outdoor plots, including a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. There will be a focus on collaborating with community members, volunteers, community partners, and interacting with visitors.

Garden Assistant Primary Responsibilities:

- Work with the garden team to implement seasonal garden plans
- Prepare and maintain garden beds
- Plant, harvest, and process a variety of crops
- Weed, water and prune vegetable crops and flower beds
- Support workshops on growing, and harvesting
- Assist with program garden areas
- Assist with special projects and events
- Work with volunteers
- Other tasks as requested by the Gardener

Critical Skills:

- Willingness to participate in workshops for the public
- Ability to work outdoors in physically demanding conditions (heat, precipitation)
- Experience using garden tools
- Willingness to learn and share knowledge
- Interest in fresh local food, gardening and education

Anticipated start date is early May 2025 with an end date of late August 2025. Wage will be based on experience.

Please submit a detailed resume by March 14, 2025, to:

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