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Job Title: Horticulturist

Job Status: Full Time

Department: Horticulture

Location: 75 Battery Place, NYC 10280

SUMMARY:

Under general direction, the Horticulturist is responsible for assigned areas throughout Battery Park City.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The Horticulturist works with Senior Horticulturists to ensure the successful operation of Battery Park City's parks. This includes but is not limited to:

- Perform all aspects of plant care including grooming, dividing, propagating, weeding, and mulching
- Assist with soil management, including composting, brewing, and application
- Non-toxic scouting for potential insects and disease problems as part of pest and disease management, including identification
- Employ proper pruning and planting techniques

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- Remove litter from planted areas
- Effectively operate and maintain equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, hand tools, power equipment, and safety equipment
- Supervise and work with Assistant Horticulturists and seasonal staff in daily maintenance operations
- Work as a team member and maintain positive work relations
- Be able to work in small and/or large groups as well as independently; contribute to crew operations by offering suggestions and field observations
- Expand knowledge and skills in the field by learning from leaders, peers, and further formal education
- Compose observation reports and task records
- Interact with the public in a polite and friendly manner
- Assist in application of pest management as needed
- Perform snow and ice removal, including the use of snow shovels, ice breakers, snow blowers, and salt spreaders on an emergency and non-emergency basis during weekdays and weekends
- Operate manual and automated irrigation systems with a focus on maximum root development and water conservation

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- A Bachelor's Degree in relevant field is preferred and/or a minimum of four (4) years of previous horticulture experience is required. Should possess supervisory experience
- Must possess a valid U.S. driver's license; must have and maintain a pesticide applicator's license

SKILLS:

- Exhibit good judgment and decision-making skills
- Ability to interact well with all levels of staff
- Strong communication skills (verbal and writing)
- Must be able to work under pressure and overtime as needed

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Be willing and able to work outdoors in all types of weather
- Stand for long periods of time
- Perform repetitive movements
- Be able to lift/move 30 pounds
- Use their hands/body to control, use, and feel objects, tools or controls

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