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# Garden Team Volunteer

As a garden team member, you will learn how to **tend a garden, remove invasive species, and connect to your community**. Urban Bounty depends on Garden Team Volunteers to create welcoming, inclusive spaces in our 18 community garden sites across Richmond and Burnaby.

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Garden Team members are committed community gardeners or members of the public with an interest in contributing to the wellbeing of the whole garden. The tasks you will be responsible for are outlined below:

**Tasks:**

- Weed and water shared spaces in the garden, including hedgerows, pathways, and pollinator patches
- Clean and organize the sheds
- Assist gardeners who are ill or unable to garden with their plots
- Organize and manage the compost bins.
- Attend scheduled volunteer shifts and/or respond to volunteer calls to complete tasks in the garden on your own schedule
- Record your volunteer hours by signing in and out of the volunteer sheet in the shed each time you garden.

**Commitment:** All Volunteers make a minimum commitment of ten hours for four weeks during the growing season (~May-October).

*This role requires volunteers to have the ability to work outdoors and engage in hands-on activities, including weeding, watering, and potentially using tools such as pitchforks and shovels.*

**Location:** Volunteers can work at any or all of our Community Gardens (depending on accessibility). You can find the locations at the links here Richmond | Burnaby

**Work Environment:** You will be working outside and getting dirty, so please dress for the weather and wear close-toed shoes. Please remember to bring lots of water and garden gloves if you have them.

**Qualifications:** Training and guidance will be provided - no experience necessary!

**Transferable Skills:**

- Gardening skills
- Plant identification
- Growing and harvesting organic crops

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**Perks:**

- Networking/Reference: A reference letter (after minimum volunteering commitment is met).
- Free seeds, or seedlings, occasional seasonal produce.
- Mentorship and guidance.

**Other requirements:** Volunteers that meet the criteria will be asked to participate in a brief Zoom call. If accepted, applicants must complete a Criminal Record Check (provided by Urban Bounty)

**Orientation:** You'll be notified of the upcoming orientation dates through email.

**Volunteer Opportunity Communication:** Garden Team assignments will be directly communicated to you by our Volunteer Coordinator via email. Upcoming volunteer shifts will be posted on Neon1. (Find Opportunities > Garden Volunteer Shifts) minimum 2 weeks in advance of an event. Please sign up to attend shifts there, and deregister if you are no longer able to attend.

**Apply**: Fill out this Volunteer Interest Form.

**Connect with Us:** Urban Bounty's Events and Volunteer Coordinator, Sugandha, would love to connect with you. She can be reached at volunteers@urbanbounty.ca or 604-244-7377.

**Apply Here** to volunteer!