



Queens Botanical Garden

Compost Bagging

When: Every Saturday 10:00 am – 1:30 pm

Where: 43-50 Main Street, Flushing, New York

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/compost-bagging-community-volunteer-days-2022-registration-232188019617>

Join the NYC Compost Project Staff prep for our compost giveaway events. Volunteers will support staff sift and bag finished compost, have great conversations, and learn about the QBG composting process.

This is an outdoor event, please dress for the weather, wear sunscreen, bring water or snacks, and dress comfortably. QBG staff will provide gloves.

We welcome all skill levels to participate--you do not need to know anything prior to coming. You will be trained in safety and skills for each session. We try to accommodate all levels of experience; however, participants must be able to do physical work including bending over, heavy lifting 20+ pounds, performing diverse, sometimes repetitive tasks, and standing, walking, or squatting for long periods of time.

FREE. Registration required.

Please note: Due to limited space, we encourage volunteers to stay for the entire time. If you need to leave early, please speak with the staff member you are working with so they can plan accordingly. Additional details are provided during registration.

Additional Ways to Volunteer at Queens Botanical Garden

Become a Garden Guide

Bring inspiration, positivity, and education to our visitors! Help visitors of all ages understand and appreciate plant collections and ecosystems in the Garden. Assist visitors while they explore and participate in our seasonal programs. **Must be able to commit to entire season to apply.** For the upcoming 2022 season, here are our current four opportunities.

Discovery Guides

Discovery Guides use our discovery cart and kits to engage visitors. Perfect for people with knowledge of plants and plant ecosystems, a willingness to grow and learn, and a friendly demeanor. Guides should have strong communication skills, interest in environmental sustainability, love to engage with nature, and excited to share their enthusiasm for the Garden with visitors. Some experience leading tours or public speaking is preferred.

Available Shifts:

April through June, and September through November

Wednesdays 3-6pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9am-12pm, 12-3pm or 3-6pm

Flower Patch Guides

Flower Patch Guides support our very popular Flower Patch Program at the Garden. They will help to prepare and set-up the Patch, and provide event day support to greet visitors, help them navigate the Patch and hand out materials. Guides should have strong communication skills, love to engage with nature, a friendly team attitude, and be excited to share their enthusiasm for the Garden with visitors.

Available Shifts:

April 23rd through May 8th

Saturdays and Sundays, 10am-5pm

Farm Guides

Farm Guides engage visitors by leading tours during open hours at the Farm. Perfect for people with knowledge of plants and plant ecosystems, a willingness to grow and learn, and a friendly demeanor. Guides should have strong communication skills, interest in environmental sustainability, love to engage with nature, and excited to share their enthusiasm for the Garden with visitors. Some experience leading tours or public speaking is preferred.

Available Shifts:

June through September

Saturdays and Sundays, 10am-1pm and 12pm-3pm

Movie Night Guides

Movie Night Guides – Queens Botanical Garden’s Movie Nights series turns the urban oasis in Flushing into an outdoor cinema! Visitors will experience big screen magic with the beautiful backdrop of golden hour in the evening. We are looking for individuals to help at each Movie Night. Movie Night Guides will assist visitors to navigate the Garden to the event, assist at craft tables, food service, store kiosk, and more.

Available Shifts:

Memorial Day (May) through Halloween (October)

Friday or Saturday evenings, usually from 5pm-11pm

1 day per week per season – Spring, Summer and Fall minimum commitment

Contribute as a Community Volunteer

Help Keep QBG clean, green, and growing!

Make a difference. Be part of someplace special by volunteering at QBG. Led by our knowledgeable staff, volunteers participate in a variety of activities—from seeding to weeding to composting, or supporting our public programming—while gaining new experience and meeting new people. ***Advance registration is required.***

Compost Build Volunteer Days

Available Dates: Mondays, year-round, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Join the NYC Compost Project staff on our epic compost build days! Volunteers will experience a large-scale compost operation and get firsthand experience building a compost windrow. Volunteers will help empty bins of food scraps, remove contaminants, chop whole foods, and assist to maintain a clean space, all while having great conversations and a fun time.

Compost Bagging Volunteer Days

Available Dates: Saturdays, 10am – 1:30pm

Join the NYC Compost Project Staff to prep for our compost giveaway events. Volunteers will support staff sift and bag finished compost, have great conversations, and learn about the QBG composting process. This is an outdoor event, please dress for the weather, wear sunscreen, bring water or snacks, and dress comfortably. QBG staff will provide gloves.

Farm Volunteer Days

Available Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through November, 9:30am – 12pm

Join our QBG Farm expert in preparing our raised farm beds for planting by weeding, raking, and mulching them. The produce is distributed to food pantries to support communities with food relief. Volunteers learn how to foster a farm ecosystem and grow healthy crops! QBG staff will provide gloves.

Horticulture Community Volunteer Days

Available Dates: 1st Thursday of the Month and 1 weekend day per season, April through November, 9:30am – 12pm

Join our Horticulture staff for an engaging, educational event where you will learn gardening basics while working hands-on with our plants. Put your green thumb to good use in a variety of seasonal projects, including weeding, removing annuals, pruning, planting, mulching, and more! Tip: This is a recommended event to attend if you are also interested in becoming a Horticulture seasonal volunteer.