Organization Information

GrowNYC is a 50-year-old environmental nonprofit organization helping more than 3 million New Yorkers by providing essential services and taking action to make NYC a livable city, one where every person can enjoy a healthier, more sustainable life. GrowNYC Programs include:

- Our network of Greenmarkets, Farmstands, Fresh Food Box sites, and the work of GrowNYC Wholesale ensure that all New Yorkers have access to the freshest, healthiest local food.
- We blanket the five boroughs with resources like food scrap collection to make waste reduction, recycling, and composting easy for all.
- We build and support community and school gardens through volunteer days, technical assistance, training, grants and more.
- We provide 70,000 children each year with programs that provide meaningful interactions with the natural environment.

About GrowNYC Compost Program

Established in 2011, the GrowNYC Compost Program strives to make composting second-nature for all New Yorkers by operating residential Food Scrap Drop-off sites (FSDOs) and partnering with community composting facilities to make compost locally. Currently re-building and fundraising in the wake of budget cuts related to COVID-19, the Compost Program has re-opened 15 food scrap drop-off sites serving 5,000 regular weekly participants, diverting over 20 tons of food scraps from landfills each week.

Compost Coordinator and Driver (part-time)

Compost Coordinators and Drivers are responsible for collecting food scraps and conducting outreach each week at their assigned food scrap drop-off site(s) and for delivering food scraps from food scrap drop-off sites to local community compost sites. They promote food-scrap diversion for composting as an alternative to conventional waste disposal and educate NYC residents on a wide variety of waste reduction and landfill diversion topics. Qualified candidates combine a passion for waste reduction and landfill diversion with the practical skills needed to transport food scraps through NYC.

Applications

Apply here for the Compost Coordinator and Driver part-time position with a resume and cover letter.

Interviews will take place on a rolling basis.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

For additional information, please see our website: grownyc.org

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Responsibilities (include, but are not limited to)

- Deliver supplies to food scrap drop-off sites before 7 AM & pick up according to schedule
- Setup and prepare food-scrap collection bins and promotional materials
- Collect food-scrap from residents and promote food-scrap composting to the general public
- Pick up full food scrap bins and supplies from FSDOs according to schedule
- Deliver full food scrap bins to community compost facilities in NYC
- Record number and weight of full food scrap collection bins picked up from each FSDO
- Submit recorded data via online forms within 48 hours of each shift
- Clean and organize supplies in vehicle/s as necessary
- Park vehicle/s in secured parking facility or in accordance with local parking laws
- Understand what can and cannot be composted and communicate that knowledge with participants
- Answer a range of questions about waste reduction, composting, recycling, and GrowNYC programs
- Work with partners, participants, and stakeholders (e.g. Greenmarket staff, DOT staff, NYPD, schools, community gardens, local non-profits, merchants, construction personnel, etc.)
- Attend regular staff meetings (every 2 months)
- Represent GrowNYC

Physical Requirements

- Valid NYS Driver’s License with satisfactory driving record and ability to operate box trucks ranging from 14-24 feet.
- Work outdoors, year-round, sometimes in extreme temperatures, and in a potentially noisy environment
- Stand for lengthy periods of time (between 4-9 hours/day)
- Ability to lift heavy bins and supplies, up to 60 pounds

Qualifications

- Early-riser who enjoys working outdoors in all weather conditions
- Passionate about composting, recycling, and waste reduction
- Experience in community outreach and/or education
- Enjoys talking with people of all backgrounds
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Experience interacting with the public and handling opposing viewpoints with a calm demeanor
• Takes initiative and excels at both independent and partnered work
• Creative problem-solver, able to troubleshoot and make quick, often on-the-spot decisions
• Familiarity with Google Forms
• Familiarity with and dedication to working in diverse NYC neighborhoods
• Interest in food waste and/or related issues – food systems, waste reduction, urban planning, pollution, environmental justice, environmental stewardship, gardening, farming, etc.

Position Details

Schedule: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday shifts available, with regular weekly schedules ranging from minimum 4 hours/week up to 20 hours/week.

Compensation: This position is a non-exempt variable hourly position. It pays $17 per hour for Compost Coordinator duties and $22 per hour for Driver duties plus an additional $3 per hour for work done in the field effective through June 30, 2021 and includes only statutory benefits.

GrowNYC is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer and hires without regard to race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or physical disability.