

Estate Gardener, Afterglow Farm, Port Washington, WI

Afterglow Farm, a private estate in the town of Port Washington, WI, seeks an experienced gardener. This person will assist and take direction from a lead gardener in the maintenance of annual and perennial gardens, lawns, shrubs and trees. This is a seasonal position (April through October with the possibility of work in November) working approximately 30 hours per week. We are seeking someone interested in returning on a yearly basis. This is a garden maintenance position. There are no design duties or supervisory responsibilities. The gardens are a labor-intensive work environment; only persons prepared for this should apply.

Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- The daily care and maintenance of the gardens and plantings to include: weeding, watering, deadheading, mowing, pruning, dividing, planting edging and mulching, raking.
- Recognizing and reporting any signs of pest, disease or cultural problems to the lead gardener.
- Caring for and maintenance of garden tools.
- Cleaning and organizing of work spaces.

Desirable Qualifications

- Horticultural education or demonstrated professional horticultural/gardening experience.
- Strong plant identification skills and knowledge of cultural requirements.
- Knowledge and experience of horticultural techniques and an understanding and appreciation of organic approaches.
- Fine gardening skills and experience executing detailed work.
- Ability to identify common garden weeds and an understanding of their cultural control.
- Experience using hand tools such as an edging spade, fishtail weeder, hedge shears and pruning shears; experience using power tools such as a hedge trimmer, line trimmer, and walk behind lawn mower.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Ability to take and follow direction and ask questions when necessary.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and work efficiently.
- Ability to work independently and with others.
- Ability to perform strenuous physical work and a willingness to work in a variety of weather conditions.
- Ability to kneel, bend, crouch and stand for extended periods.
- Ability to lift and carry 30lbs.
- Willingness to work occasionally on weekend (not exceeding 30 hour work week).
- Valid Driver's License.

The qualified individual should submit a cover letter describing their interest in the position, their interest in gardening as well as their wage requirements and contact information. Please include a resume or other description of your work experience and education. Those applicants we choose to interview may also be asked to complete a brief hands-on test of garden technique.

Send application materials to:

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Afterglow Farm is a private residence and not open to unscheduled visits.