



Greenhouse Intern The Organic Gardener Ltd.

The Organic Gardener Ltd. (TOG) creates beautiful and productive organic edible gardens. Since 2005, we've built well over a thousand vegetable gardens in and around Chicago utilizing a full line of customized services: design, installation, maintenance, and education.

Based in the North Shore suburbs of Chicago, our team's reach extends to a wide variety of clients throughout the Midwest region. We work with families to create suburban and urban home gardens in yards and unique spaces. And we partner with non-residential groups like corporations, schools, restaurants, and non-profit organizations to craft public food production projects with accompanying educational programming.

Our approach is rooted in the idea that anyone, anywhere, can grow their own food. Each TOG project connects us to the larger good food movement growing throughout the nation. Come grow with us!

We are looking for a Greenhouse Intern to assist our Greenhouse Manager in our on-site hoop house for a three month period. The intern will participate in extensive training and will develop new skills in organic edible gardening, pest and disease management, and garden education. The intern's main focus will be the greenhouse, but they may also take part in soil prep and planting with our team of Garden Educators, as well as administrative tasks to help us get ready for the 2017 season. Start date is flexible April through August.

Greenhouse:

- Assist the Greenhouse Manager in all related tasks including propagation, labeling, potting, seeding, watering, packing, fertilizing, washing pots, rotating plants, and keeping the greenhouse organized
- Assist our team of Garden Educators and our administrative team in seasonal prep

Gardener:

- Perform tasks in all aspects of planting and maintaining organic edible gardens including transplanting, seeding, thinning, weeding, fertilizing, pruning, harvesting, deadheading, grooming, and edging
- Perform tasks related to integrated pest and disease management including scouting, hand-picking, treating, and troubleshooting

Ideal candidate will possess:

- Passion for the seed-to-table and edible education movements
- Strong communication skills
- Interest in hands-on, outdoors physical work
- Ability to take direction and guidance well
- Natural leadership and entrepreneurial spirit
- Willingness to be solutions-oriented
- Reliable transportation to Highland Park, IL
- Availability in early mornings and on Saturdays, and general flexibility
- Some basic knowledge of plants is a plus but not required - the internship will include foundational training

This is a paid internship. If you are a student, we are also happy to work with your school to obtain college credit for the internship.

To apply: send a resume, professional references, and a brief letter of interest to info@theorganicgardener.net by February 15th, 2017.

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