



Garden Build Crew

The Organic Gardener Ltd.

The Organic Gardener Ltd. (TOG) creates beautiful and productive organic edible gardens. Since 2005, we've built more than a thousand vegetable gardens 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, including Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana. We work with families to create suburban and urban home gardens in yards and unique spaces. And we partner with non-residential groups like businesses, 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 within Chicagoland and throughout the nation.

Role: The build crew is responsible for the installation of all of our garden projects. Tasks include fence installation, soil preparation, raised bed construction, irrigation system installation and maintenance, etc. Garden builders are expected to be outdoor professionals, working in all conditions to create and maintain our gardens.

Ideal candidate will possess:

- Physical strength and endurance
- Ability to work hard and work outdoors in all conditions
- Courtesy and punctuality
- Ability to maintain a neat, professional appearance (uniform provided)
- Ability to collaborate and work well with others as part of a team
- Takes direction and guidance well
- Positive attitude, flexibility, and ability to adapt to a fast-paced and changing environment
- Willingness to be mindful and solutions-oriented
- Carpentry and electrical skills are beneficial
- Clean driving record
- Ability to drive stick shift and be comfortable driving a truck with a trailer are pluses



Position Details:

Reports To: Foremen, Chief Operations Officer

Start Date: TBD

Season: This is a seasonal position (approximately March 16 to June 12, with the possibility of full time extension. Full-time and part-time options.

WORK WEEK: The Foreman communicates the work schedule, which is dictated by the build schedule. Workdays are typically 9 to 12 hours, which includes 30 minutes for lunch and two 15-minute breaks. These hours will vary seasonally, depending on need.

The ability and willingness to work on Saturdays throughout the season is mandatory, though some flexibility with regard to scheduled Saturdays off will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Reliable transportation is required to our headquarters in Highland Park on a daily basis. A clean driving record and valid driver's license is also required. Final employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a background check.

How to Apply: To apply for the 2018 season, please email a resume, professional references, and cover letter describing your interest in the position, whether you are applying for full-time or part-time, and what you hope to gain from the experience to: julie@theorganicgardener.net. We look forward to hearing from you!