

Beautification Brigade Volunteer Job Description

Beautification Brigade volunteers support the Community Beautification Program in the planting and maintenance of public landscape plantings around the City of Ithaca. Volunteers work under the supervision of Community Beautification staff members. Work is done using standard gardening hand tools, which are provided. Gardening gloves are also provided. No gardening experience is necessary, Beautification Staff will provide instruction as needed.

Duties:

- Attend annual volunteer orientation session.
- Gardening activities include (but not limited to) seeding, planting, weeding, mulching, dividing, trimming, watering, trash and litter pickup, other site maintenance as needed.
- Working at busy sites that are often situated near traffic.

Time Commitment:

- The Beautification Brigade has volunteer sessions 1-3 times per week from April through November. Sessions are usually held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays from 10am-12pm. During the summer there are evening volunteer sessions every other Tuesday from 6pm-8pm. There are occasional Saturday sessions. There are no minimum requirements for volunteer hours to complete. Our program is informal, and we will work with the people we have.

Benefits for Volunteers:

- Volunteers will receive a Beautification Brigade T-shirt and Hat
- Training and information on gardening techniques, best practices, etc.
- Extra plants as available
- Volunteer appreciation event at the end of the season
- Working outside in nature and improving your community

Qualifications:

- Interest in gardening, landscaping, and acquiring new horticulture skills.
- Enthusiasm for helping the community and ability to communicate with other volunteers and program staff, as well as the general public.
- You must provide your own transportation to and from volunteer sessions.