

## **Summer Garden Volunteer (experienced)**

**3 hours/week**

**June 18 - August 19**

**Reports to:** Andrea Locke, Volunteer Coordinator

If interested please contact [alocke@citysprouts.org](mailto:alocke@citysprouts.org) or 617-876-2436

CitySprouts is a nonprofit school garden organization that partners with public schools in Cambridge and Boston to integrate academic, health and environmental education in the schools and neighborhood. CitySprouts provides its partner schools with on-site gardens that function as outdoor classrooms; on-going maintenance and development of these outdoor classroom gardens; support to teachers in integrating their classroom curricula outside to the school garden; and a summer internship program in Cambridge for youth ages 11-14.

CitySprouts relies on the help of skilled gardener volunteers to help keep our partner schools' gardens growing and thriving through the summer months. The Garden Volunteer commits to caring for a specific garden during some or all of the summer, communicating with CitySprouts Volunteer Coordinator the beginning and end dates for which they will be responsible, and any vacation or travel time for which the Volunteer Coordinator will need to secure other coverage.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Basic garden care will include watering the garden thoroughly *at least twice a week*
- Harvesting any ripe produce
- Weeding as much as necessary to maintain garden production
- Alerting the Volunteer Coordinator to any unexpected issues such as vandalism, broken or leaking spigots, or signs of rodents, wasps or other pests
- Ensure that water key is returned to the shed after each garden visit

### **Benefits**

- The Garden Volunteer is an unpaid position but is welcome to harvest from the garden
- In person training with Volunteer Coordinator and/or Garden Coordinator
- Check-ins and option to have Volunteer Coordinator occasionally join you when you water
- Family friendly

### **Qualifications**

- Experienced gardener, confident in properly weeding, watering, and harvesting
- Ability to work independently