

Groundskeeper

Department: Operations

FT/PT: Full-Time

Job Status: Non-Exempt

Reports to: Director of Operations

OVERVIEW

A popular year-round destination, Governors Island is a 172-acre island in the heart of New York Harbor located between Lower Manhattan and the Brooklyn waterfront. For almost two centuries, the Island was closed to the public, operating as a military base for the U.S. Army and, later, the Coast Guard. Today, an award-winning new park is complemented by dozens of unique historic buildings, educational and cultural facilities, a rich arts and culture program and a 22-acre National Monument managed by the National Park Service. Looking ahead, the long-term vision for Governors Island focuses on continuing to expand year-round public access by enlivening it with transformative public art and culture, extraordinary recreational and open space, and research and education dedicated to addressing the global climate crisis.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Groundskeeper is part of the Operations team and reports to the Director of Operations. The Groundskeeper is responsible for providing daily hands-on work that contributes to keeping the Island, open spaces, and structures throughout the Island in a clean and safe condition for all Island visitors.

Responsibilities include:

- Collect and transport waste (including recyclables, compost, and landfill) from public spaces and vendors to designated transfer stations throughout the Island.
- Maintain assigned zone and its features, including straightening of furniture and park assets, cleaning of trash and debris using trash pickers, sweeping and general cleanliness of assigned zone.
- Clean public space surfaces, fixtures, and furniture.
- Distribute public park furniture, such as Adirondack chairs and picnic tables, throughout the Island's landscapes and ensuring tables and chairs are properly set up in their zones for visitor use.
- Assist with set up and break down for events on the Island.
- Utilize an online work order system to track daily tasks and report any issues.
- Communicate with the Operations team regarding park infrastructure, cleanliness, zone usage and programming. Report any Island damage or public safety concerns to supervisor.
- Perform snow removal and ice mitigation on paths, entrances, and other hard surfaces with physical labor to provide appropriate levels of access.

- Act as an ambassador for the Island, answering questions from visitors and providing directions to amenities.
- Provide support to the Operations team members on a variety of tasks.
- Other duties, as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- High School Diploma or GED

Experience:

- Previous experience in facility maintenance and/or park setting preferred.

Skills and Abilities:

- Displays initiative and dependability working alone or with a team and outside in a park-setting.
- Hardworking, energetic, self-motivated and dedicated to the details.
- Knowledge of proper cleaning techniques.
- Availability to work early morning or late evening shifts, in addition to weekends and holidays.
- Ability to perform physical labor, transporting or lifting equipment weighing up to 50 lbs.
- Valid driver's license.

Salary: \$24.50 per hour

Location and Schedule: All positions are located on Governors Island. This position is in-person, five days a week.

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter and resume as a single PDF document to jobs@govisland.org with "Groundskeeper" in the subject line. No phone calls please.

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The Trust for Governors Island (The Trust) is a nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York. It is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit www.govisland.org.