

Duties

Community garden volunteers support the Community Gardens program of Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability by providing general assistance and/or upkeep to common grounds. This is a great opportunity for people who are on a Community Garden waitlist to get involved.

- Volunteers may participate in scheduled or unscheduled workdays under the supervision of a designated garden manager.
- Volunteers will schedule available times and activities directly with garden managers. Only commit to what you are sure you can fulfill. If you are unable to attend your scheduled volunteerism event, contact the garden manager to make them aware so they are not left waiting onsite.
- Typical tasks include weeding, mulching, pruning, composting and sprucing up.
- Less common, specific tasks may involve assembling or repairing raised beds, filling beds with soil, closing gardens for summer, installing irrigation systems, and helping with other various repairs.

Qualifications

Ability to transport him/herself to community garden, as transportation is not provided by Extension. Volunteers should be willing to work hard; this position might be labor intensive. Volunteers are expected to dress appropriately for outdoor work, and carry water with them at all times. Volunteers must be able-bodied and prepared for exposure to heat and insects.

A Parental Consent form is required for those volunteers under the age of 18.

Notes

Time commitments are flexible and varying based on garden needs. Volunteers can choose to be associated with certain gardens or be on call for any location as needed.

For more information, contact Extension at 941-861-5000, or visit sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu.