The Lower East Side Ecology Center offers free public compost collection and education, electronic waste recycling, stewardship of public open space, and environmental education. Our programs focus on offering opportunities for all New Yorkers to learn about environmental issues facing NYC and to take responsibility for solving those problems.

We are looking for a highly dedicated, dependable staff person to support our compost program, including compost site maintenance work at our site in East River Park and staffing our booth at the Union Square Greenmarket. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who loves working outside, doesn’t mind getting their hands dirty and is a comfortable communicator.

Responsibilities

- Assist with operations at the East River Compost Yard and demonstrate best practices in composting.
- Perform maintenance of on-site tools and equipment and follow safety protocols
- Mix potting soil and prepare materials for sales
- Sift and screen compost to prepare materials for donations and sales.
- Make local deliveries of compost and potting soil using company vehicle
- Set-up, break-down and staff our booth at Union Square Greenmarket two days a week, one of them Saturdays 8am-4pm. This includes:
  - Selling compost, potting soil, worms and compost bins and keeping accurate records of sales.
  - Answering questions from the public about our programs and overall recycling and sustainability
  - Representing the organization
- Perform additional duties as determined by the Ecology Center

Qualifications

- Reliable and committed to punctuality
- Enthusiasm to work outdoors in all seasons and on weekends
- Ability to lift at least 50 pounds and to perform physically strenuous tasks
- Knowledge of composting and commitment to following best practices
- Passionate and knowledgeable about composting and sustainability
- Self-motivated, strong communication skills and the ability to work alone, in a team, and in a variety of settings.
- Comfortable with coordinating operations with the rest of the team through email and telephone communication.
- Valid NYS Driver’s License and comfort driving trucks in NYC
- Second language is a plus

This position is fulltime with a Tuesday-Saturday work schedule, with an immediate start date. As we are adapting to the conditions of COVID-19, this position is currently temporary through June 30, 2020 with a possibility of being extended and/or a shift in job responsibilities.

Please submit resume and letter of interest to info@lesecologycenter.org with “Compost Associate” in the subject. We’d like to fill this position as soon as possible. No phone calls please. The LES Ecology Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.