



EARTHWISE SOCIETY

Cultivating Sustainable Communities

Delta Volunteer Positions

There are a wide variety of regular and seasonal volunteer roles, all of which are essential at Earthwise. We simply could not maintain our beautiful gardens and offer our many programs and events without our volunteers! Earthwise has locations both in Tsawwassen as well as Agassiz, and volunteers may choose to work at either location.

Prior gardening experience may be useful in some of our roles but it is not necessary, as our staff will assist you in developing the essential skills needed for your volunteer role. Earthwise staff are open to questions and are here to help make sure your volunteer experience is a positive and productive one!

- **Garden Volunteer:** Our Garden Volunteers help maintain the garden through a variety of tasks such as weeding, watering, and planting. This position requires regular bending and kneeling. Earthwise hosts Garden Volunteer Days on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 10-12:00. If you wish to volunteer on other days or times to better fit your schedule, please discuss this with our Garden Coordinator.
- **Farm Volunteer:** Our Farm Volunteers help with all aspects of growing food at the Earthwise Farms, from preparing beds and planting seeds to harvesting and pulling weeds. Hands on training is provided: no previous farming experience is necessary. This position requires regular bending and kneeling.
- **Farm Cart / CSA Greeter:** Volunteers help with setting up the farm cart, preparing produce for display, and handling sales. Volunteers may also help fill boxes for the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and greet customers when they pick up their CSA boxes. Farm Cart/CSA volunteers are needed for 2 - 3 hour shifts on Wednesdays from 1 - 4:30 and Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm.
- **Carpentry/Fix-It! Group:** Gardens are not just about flowers and we are always looking for handy volunteers who enjoy working with tools to help us with arbours, walkways, raised beds, and other small garden structures.
- **Garden Buddies Mentor:** Garden Buddies is a gardening together program that increases physical activity and social connections for seniors by involving them in shared gardening and nature based activities. Volunteers receive training as mentors and can then assist with a range of seniors programs at the garden and in the community.
- **Harvest Box Volunteer:** The Harvest Box Program is a food security initiative that makes fresh healthy produce accessible to families in need. Volunteers help accept donations of fruit and vegetables, sort, weigh, wash and pack them to be donated to families in need in our community. Volunteers are needed mornings Wednesdays through Fridays.

- **Shared Harvest Fruit Gleaners:** The Shared Harvest Program helps homeowners harvest surplus fruit from trees on their property. Volunteers harvest the fruit which is then shared with the homeowner, the volunteer and families in need in our community through Delta Food Coalition. This position requires regular bending, reaching, lifting and kneeling. Volunteers must provide their own transportation to local sites.
- **Surplus Food Rescue:** This role diverts surplus food from a local grocery store to local charities to share with those in need. Volunteers assist with sorting, weighing, and recording food weight onto a tablet. This is a social role that requires working alongside other community organizations. Shifts run from 11am-12:30pm seven days per week. Volunteers must commit to one day per week.
- **Program Assistant:** Earthwise Society is always looking for volunteers to help with our community programs for people of all ages. Activities could include garden tours, children's programs, workshops for adults, or program planning.
- **Community Outreach and Events Assistant:** Set up displays, greet visitors at events, assist with sales, and provide information to the public about Earthwise and our programs. Event volunteers may also assist with planning and preparing for Earthwise events and fundraising activities. Ask about joining our Events and Fundraising Committee!

Please note that a criminal record check is required for all volunteers working with vulnerable populations, including children and seniors.