

VOLUNTEER AT RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

## GARDEN VOLUNTEER

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Do you have a green thumb, a passion for plants, and an interest in local history? If so, Rutherford House's Garden Volunteer position may be right for you!

Rutherford House is the restored home of Alberta's first premier, Alexander Cameron Rutherford and his family. Today the stunning post-Edwardian style home overlooking the North Saskatchewan River is a designated provincial historic site restored to the year 1915. Operated by the Heritage Division of Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women, Rutherford House is dedicated to promoting Edmonton's vibrant cultural heritage, as well as introducing visitors to the fascinating history of both Rutherford House and its inhabitants.

As a Garden Volunteer, you will play a vital part in ensuring that the museum's historic gardens flourish by helping with the on-going care and upkeep of the site's flora. Tasks include:

- Helping to prepare the historic gardens for the summer 2025 season.
- Assisting with routine garden maintenance, including planting and ongoing watering and weeding throughout the summer 2025 season.
- Interacting with site visitors during opening hours and events, and provide them with information about Rutherford House and its gardens.
- Aiding in the documentation and cataloguing of the RH garden, including helping with the development of garden-focused programming and activities.
- Assisting with end of season tasks including winterising and helping with seed saving projects, as needed.

Garden Volunteers will be guided by the site's Senior Historical Interpreter and Interpretive team, and on-site training will be provided. Volunteers must be enthusiastic, outgoing, and have previous gardening experience. This role will involve physically demanding activities including heavy lifting, digging, raking, spreading fertiliser, and weeding.

Scheduling is flexible and will be mutually agreed upon. Garden Volunteers will be provided with Rutherford House polo shirts to wear and tools to use during their shifts, but are expected to bring their own gloves and water bottle. Volunteers must also be prepared for sunny weather, heat, and insects.

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining our volunteer team, please contact the site's Senior Historical Interpreter, Holly Craven, at [holly.craven@gov.ab.ca](mailto:holly.craven@gov.ab.ca) or call 780-427-1787.



**Interested in joining  
our volunteer team?**

Please visit our website:

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