

Event Assistant

Program Description

Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) is seeking highly motivated individuals to assist at Zero Waste and Hard-to-Recycle Collection events in Southwestern PA.

Work Summary

At Zero Waste Events, you will help PRC educate participants while maximizing the diversion of materials from landfills. ZW Event Assistants serve as zero waste ambassadors by educating patrons and helping them sort their waste properly to maximize diversion. ZW Event Assistants also maintain high quality material in each recycling and compost bin to ensure the material meets third-party standards and are responsible for setup and maintenance of the collection system. ZW Event Assistants may also work at Waste Audits. At Hard-to-Recycle Events, Assistants will help unload hard-to-recycle items from vehicles including televisions, computers, appliances, tires, and more.



Pay starts at \$15/hour and increases with performance and hours worked to \$19/hour. Holiday rates are higher. This is a contracted position and hours are available as needed. Shift availability is sent via email or Sign Up Genius. Shifts are selected using Sign Up Genius. Contractors are selected based on timeliness of sign-up, ability to meet work expectations, and/or prior experience.

To Apply

Complete [the online application](#). Address questions to Chesapeake First (chesapeakef@prc.org) or call (412) 488-7490 x3. Hiring typically occurs on a rolling basis February through November.

Typical Working Conditions

Events are frequently outdoors and subject to weather (rain, sun, heat, cold, etc.). Event Assistants are on their feet for most of the shifts, staffing collection stations and interacting with event participants. Outdoor events are frequently on uneven and/or mixed terrain (concrete, grass, gravel). Assistants are expected to lift up to 50 pounds. Standard shifts are between 4 and 8 hours, and you may sign up for multiple shifts.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Hard-to-Recycle Events

- Unload materials from attendees' vehicles safely.
- Place materials in designated loading areas per the direction of staff.

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- Set-up and take-down of collections stations.



- Installation and removal of all education and directional signage.
- Educate event attendees on what-goes-where (compost/recycling/landfill).
- Remove and properly sort visible contamination from sort bins.
- Transport recyclables and compostables via hand cart or motorized vehicle.
- Documentation of recyclables, compostables, and landfill generated at the event.

Education and Experience Required

- High school diploma or GED.
- At least 18 years of age.
- Basic knowledge of, interest in, or experience with waste reduction strategies.
- Basic training is available through this program.
- Demonstrated ability to follow safety requirements and to implement safety procedures.

Skills Required

- Attention to detail.
- Ability to use email, Google Forms, and/or Sign Up Genius to coordinate shifts.
- Leadership, conflict management, and resolution skills.
- Ability to be on your feet for 4 – 8 hours and lift up to 50 lbs.
- Written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to prioritize multiple time-sensitive tasks simultaneously in a fast-paced work environment.
- Flexibility to work weekends and accommodate a highly variable schedule that may include early morning and late night shifts.

Organizational Background

Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit environmental organization, is one of the oldest grassroots environmental organizations (founded in 1939) in the Commonwealth. PRC's mission is to lead and promote individual and collective actions to preserve Pennsylvania's environmental resources for each generation.

The Pennsylvania Resources Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, protect qualified applicants and employees with disabilities from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, job training, fringe benefits, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment on the basis of disability. The law also requires that covered entities provide qualified applicants and employees with disabilities with reasonable accommodations, unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship on the employer.