

Dear Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Intervale Community Farm's working memberships. All working memberships give you a credit of \$200 off of the share of your choice. At this point, we have openings for several different working memberships. However, preference in filling the slots is given to those who have been working members in past seasons. The remaining openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, if you are interested, return the sign-up form on the reverse side as soon as possible. Please list your first, second, and third choices, and we will do our best to accommodate you. We will be in touch after we receive your form. If you have any further questions, please leave a message at 658-2919 or email Keri Latiolais (keri@intervalecommunityfarm.com).

We hope to see you in the fields!

Keri Latiolais  
Farmer

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### **Harvesters (16 positions available)**

**Description:** Each Monday or Thursday morning, the farm crew, working members, and any other helpers gather the bounty of the Farm. Harvesters help with picking, washing, sorting, and packing produce, readying the food for the afternoon pick-ups. Harvesting is a great way to see the Farm and learn more about how it works. It is also can be a great time to socialize with staff and other members. It is a very social time.

**Requirements:** Ability to lift 35 lbs. frequently and up to 55 lbs. occasionally. Bending, squatting, and counting required. Reliability and dependability a must. Rescheduling, swapping or skipping the occasional morning is not a problem with advance notice; it can be a huge problem if we were counting on your help and you don't show up. Must be able to work consistently for the entire morning. Comfort with large knives a plus. Previous farm and or garden experience a bonus. Must be willing to press on in the face of heat, cold, rain, snow, mud, and mosquitoes – the show must go on!

**Scheduled hours:** Ten Monday or ten Thursday mornings in a row, a total of around 40 hours. Working members typically begin around 8:00 a.m. and finish around noon. Half the positions begin in June, continuing through the end of August; half begin late August and continue to early November.

**Other benefits:** Extra produce when available (which is frequently), fun, camaraderie, a chance to learn more about how the farm grows your food.

**Gardeners: (2 positions available)**

**Description:** Work with farm staff to tend various gardens near to the pick-up area. We strive to keep the pick-your-own crops looking sharp and growing well. Working members are assigned to a particular area: the flower garden, the herb garden, or the future children’s garden. Though the specific task varies with the area and the season, planting, weeding, hoeing, edging, and mulching are common to all. Other tasks crop up less frequently.

**Requirements:** Toleration of frequent bending, kneeling, & squatting. Reliability and dependability are important. Rescheduling, swapping or skipping the occasional morning is not a problem with advance notice. Familiarity with plants, or previous farm/garden experience a plus. Need to be able to work alone or in small groups some of the time. Must be willing to press on in the face of heat, cold, rain, mud, and mosquitoes.

**Scheduled hours:** Two hours once a week from May through August. Work typically takes place on Friday mornings from 9:00-11:00.

**Other benefits:** Extra produce when available (which is frequently), fun, camaraderie, a chance to learn more about how the farm grows flowers, herbs, berries, veggies, etc.

**Lawnmower: (1 position available)**

**Description:** Mow the lawn around the flower garden, herb garden, and buildings.

**Requirements:** Comfort with power equipment, safety consciousness, willingness to work alone and maintain own schedule. Reliability is important, as we are counting on you to keep the grass cut.

**Scheduled hours:** None scheduled, but the lawn generally needs to be mowed once a week in peak summer, every other week in spring and later fall. Mowing usually takes about 2 hours. Lawn season usually runs late April through late October.

**Other benefits:** The smell of fresh-cut grass; extra produce, when available. Your chance to have a lawn!

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**Working Membership Preference Form**

Please list your preferred choices for a working membership. For Harvest Helpers, please note whether you would like to be scheduled for Monday or Thursday mornings, and whether you prefer the mid June-August shift or the mid August-November shift. Please return this form to: ICF, 128 Intervale Rd./ Burlington VT 05401 or electronically to becky@intervalecommunityfarm.com. Thank you!

Name:

Phone:

Email address:

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_