

# Careers in horticulture

## Factsheet

Do you love spending time outdoors? Are you passionate about plants, nature, and wildlife? Do you want to contribute to a greener, more sustainable environment? If so, a career in horticulture might be the perfect fit for you.



# Frequently asked questions

## Q: Why work in horticulture?

A: There are many reasons to consider a career in horticulture:

- Tailor your career to your interests, from gardening to science.
- Accessible through various training pathways.
- Gardening and time in nature is great for physical and mental health.
- Help combat climate change and promote sustainability.
- Enjoy the freedom and earning potential of running your own business.

## Q: What are some of the potential jobs in horticulture?

A: Horticulture offers a wide range of job opportunities, including professional gardener, arborist, plant geneticist, botanist, horticultural therapist, entomologist, florist, greenkeeper, landscape architect, garden designer, and many more.

## Q: How do I start a career in horticulture?

A: If you aren't sure exactly what you would like to do, our New Shoots career taster days and work experience for anyone aged 14+ allow you to get a taste for working in an RHS Garden and explore where your passion lies.

Then there are volunteering opportunities, formal qualifications like the RHS Level 2, as well as apprenticeships and internships which often allow you to earn whilst you learn. You can also pursue a university degree for some disciplines, such as plant science.

## Q: Are there horticultural roles in cities and other urban areas?

A: Urban areas are seeing a rise in demand for jobs related to indoor plants, such as interior landscape designers and houseplant specialists. Also, there are opportunities in maintaining and managing urban parks, living walls, and public displays, which promote biodiversity, improve air quality, and provide green spaces for people who might otherwise not have any.



## Next steps...

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