



New York State Green Occupation Spotlight

Maintenance and Repair Workers, General

What do they do?

Maintenance and Repair Workers keep machines, equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair.

General Description

On average, how many openings are there per year?

There are some 1960 openings annually for maintenance and repair workers.

What is a typical entry-level wage?

\$19.00 hourly, \$39,510 annually

How should I prepare for the job?

New maintenance and repair workers undergo 1-12 months of on-the-job training.

What types of employers might hire me?

Maintenance and repair workers are employed in almost every industry. The largest sector of maintenance and repair workers in New York State are involved in apartment buildings, housing complexes, hotels, hospitals, commercial buildings, government and manufacturing. There is also employment by real estate firms that operate office and apartment buildings.

Where can I get training?*

- Sullivan County Community College
- SUNY College of Technology at Canton
- Erie Community College
- Mohawk Valley Community College-Utica Branch

*See a more complete list of training providers at www.greencareersny.com

Green Description



How many green general maintenance and repair workers are involved in green business in New York State?

In building services, just under 6,000 green maintenance and repair workers work at 1,820 companies.

What do employers say about recruiting them?

8% of businesses in building services that hire green maintenance and repair workers report having difficulty recruiting qualified workers for these jobs.

What kind of green business would I do?

Almost all of green maintenance and repair workers are involved in recycling, while over half of all green maintenance and repair workers are also involved in green cleaning. Two-thirds of green maintenance and repair workers are involved in green operations; the largest activity was performance/operations. Maintenance and indoor air quality also top the list of green activities these workers are involved in.

How would I get the skills to do green projects?

Over half of the firms (in building services) that hire maintenance and repair workers require employees to acquire new or enhanced skills to perform a green job. The most common source of these skills is on-the-job training, followed by in-house training.

For more Information about this occupation go to:

- www.onetonline.org/link/summary/49-9042.00
- www.bls.gov/oco/ocos194.htm
- www.nycareerzone.org/cz/profile.jsp?onetsoc=49-9042.00

Case Study

According to employers in building services, maintenance and repair workers are the “go-to” people relied on to recognize problems and fix them.

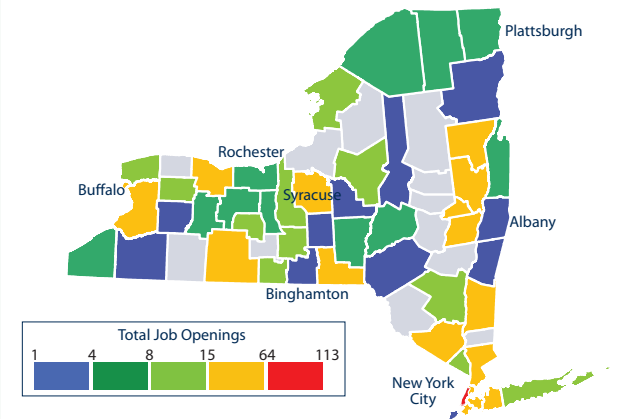
Maintenance and Repair Workers repair or replace defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools, and reassemble equipment. They also perform routine preventive maintenance to ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently, and the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate.

Building owners and managers value energy efficiency – it adds value. As noted by the developers of the 1,000 Green Superintendents program (Thomas Shortman Training Fund), “There is no technology in existence today that can fix a leaky sink, replace an inefficient light bulb, install a low-flow faucet aerator, or calibrate thermostats. These simple, cheap and effective strategies to make a building more energy-efficient rely on one thing: a knowledgeable building staff.”

For more information about green jobs, go to:

- Green Careers NY: www.greencareersny.com
- Labor Statistics: www.labor.ny.gov/stats/green

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