



# Frequently Asked Questions and the Answers

## **Where are the Waukesha County Rental Gardens Located?**

*The Rental Gardens do not actually have an address. The Gardens are located on Northview Road in Waukesha, East of Grandview Boulevard and West of Pewaukee Road (just west of the Waukesha County Expo Grounds). The Waukesha County Extension Rental Gardens share the driveway with the Waukesha County Huber Facility. The address for the Huber Facility is: 1400 Northview Rd, Waukesha, WI 53188. The Huber Facility (red brick building) has County Signage at the entrance off Northview Road (there is no signage for the gardens). When driving down the driveway, the Huber Facility will be on the right and the Rental Gardens will be on your left. Look for the bulletin board at the Rental Gardens entrance.*

## **How large are the Plots?**

*Garden plots are 20' by 20' and 30' by 30'. Plot sizes are approximate. Some may be wider or shorter (i.e. 22' by 18') or thinner and longer (i.e. 19' by 21').*

## **What does it cost to rent a garden plot and what does the fee include?**

*Fees are \$50 for a 20' by 20' plot and \$70 for a 30' by 30' plot. Fee includes plowing in the spring and water provided at the garden throughout the season. There is also a porto-potty on site for the summer months.*

## **How do I rent a plot? How do I get on a waiting list to rent a plot?**

*Those who are interested in renting a garden plot should call the Waukesha County Extension office at (262) 548-7775. If there are no plots available, you can be added to the waiting list by providing your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. We add names to our waiting list year round. Open garden plots are rented to those on the waiting list on a first come first serve basis. The sooner your name is on the list, the better your chance of getting a garden plot.*

## **When will I be notified that a garden plot is available for me to rent?**

*In late February/early March, all gardeners who gardened the previous year are sent garden plot registration information for the current year. In early late March/April we know how many plots and which plots are available to rent. Using our waiting list, we contact prospective gardeners to inquire if they are still interested in renting a garden plot and if they are, we send registration materials.*

## **When does the garden open and close each year?**

*Gardens are scheduled to open the third Saturday in May (weather permitting). The Gardens close at 9 a.m. the third Monday of October.*

## **Are there rules to follow if I choose to garden at the Waukesha County Rental Gardens?**

*Yes. There are rules which are provided to gardeners each year. The rules also provide information that may answer any additional questions. To view the rules, visit our website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/hort/rg](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/hort/rg).*

## **Is there water provided on site?**

*Yes. There are water tanks located in six areas of the garden. All water tanks have connections for hoses, although sprinklers are not allowed.*

## **Is composting encouraged for plant waste?**

*Yes. There are compost piles located in four areas of the garden. Gardeners are encouraged to compost their plant waste.*

## **Are there permanent plots to rent so I would be able to grow things such as rhubarb, asparagus, or berries?**

*Yes. There are 49 permanent gardens available for rent. When a permanent garden becomes available, we use the waiting list to rent the plot. Those who are interested in renting a permanent plot are encouraged to get on the waiting list by calling 262-548-7775 as soon as possible.*

## **What can I grow in the garden?**

*Garden plots can be used to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers.*

## **Are there both organic and non-organic plots and organic available?**

*We have both a non-organic garden area and non-organic area. Non-organic Gardens also have some restrictions: Chemical weed killers (herbicides) **are NOT** allowed. If any insect problem develops, we encourage the use of biological insect control. Chemical fertilizers are allowed.*

*Organic Garden = Section D — This area is "organic" which allows for the use of only materials certified for organic gardening such as pheromone traps, horticultural oils, BT, insecticidal soaps, hot pepper sprays, compost, and manures. Commercial chemical pesticides and fertilizers not certified for organic gardening **should not be used**. This includes insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and fertilizers.*