

The Garden Connection



Welcome Gardeners

Welcome, all new gardeners and returning gardeners at the Waukesha County Community Gardens! My name is Ann Wied and I am the UW-Extension Waukesha County Consumer Horticulture Educator and Coordinator of the Community Gardens. Feel free to introduce yourself to me if you see me at the gardens. I enjoy meeting you. Also, if you have a concern regarding the gardens, don't hesitate to stop me and tell me about it. You can also contact Christa with any concerns (see below).



Receiving the Newsletter

From time to time you will receive a newsletter. It is a great way to communicate to all of you at once. If you have a topic that you would like me to address, let me know. The newsletters will be e-mailed to you. If we do not have your e-mail address, please provide Christa with your e-mail address. While we do not mind sending the newsletter via U.S. Mail, e-mailing is more economical.

Garden Pathways

There are numerous pathways throughout the garden which welcomes movement in and around the garden. Most you have a garden path on one or more sides of your garden plot. **To help control the weeds surrounding your garden plot, we ask that you help weed-whack, mow, or apply mulch to the path.** Some paths are larger than others due plot size and garden shape. We appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Have a Gardening Question?

The Waukesha County UW-Extension office has a Horticulture Helpline that can answer your gardening questions. Get your questions answered by our trained staff. Call (262)549-7779 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. You can also e-mail your questions to: uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov

Porta-Pot

For your convenience the porto-pot (portable restroom) will be here until September. It is in a new location this year as a results of your comments to have it on a more level surface and more in the open.

Questions/Contact Information

Questions? Concerns? Call Christa at (262)548-7775. Our office hours are from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Please leave a message on her voicemail if you call after business hours. If she cannot answer your question, she will see to it that Ann will get back to you to address the problem or concern. You can also e-mail Christa at cthao@waukeshacounty.gov.

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Water Tanks & Hoses - We Count on Your Help

If you are a returning gardener, the following is a reminder. If you are a new gardener, please be sure to read the following rules regarding the water and tanks. Thank you!

- Please do not waste water. We are charged for all water used from the hydrant.
- Connecting garden hoses to the water tanks is allowed at the garden. There are tees for garden hose connection at all water tanks. **Be sure all connections are tight after you disconnect your hose.** If they are left loose, we often have leaks.
- If you “flip” any water tank switches to get water to your hose, “flip” them back when you are done.
- Be careful not to drag your hose across someone else’s garden plot. Try to use the established paths or the garden plot edge when trying to get your hose to your garden from the water tank.
- **Do not leave your hose in the garden path when you are not at the garden. Hoses must be stored within your garden plot (not in the path or outside of your garden plot).**
- **Sprinkler use is not allowed at the gardens.** There are no exceptions.
- **If you notice any leaks or problems with any tank, hose, tee, or connections, PLEASE contact us as soon as possible. Please “flip” the switch on the tee (turning off the water to the tank, tee, or hose). This can often temporarily solve the problem until it can get fixed.**
- If you do not know what I mean by “flipping” the switch, ask another gardener or call us.



Picnic Tables

There are a number of picnic tables located at the end of the garden. There is also one located at the top of the hill. Feel free to pack a lunch and picnic at the garden. They are for your use. We also use them for two garden programs held at the gardens on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday late afternoon. Enjoy and happy picnicking!

Waukesha County Community Garden’s Website

Our website should be your “go-to” place throughout the gardening season for information regarding the Community Gardens.

- ◆ Check out “Garden Updates” for timely information.
- ◆ Copies of the garden map and guidelines are also available at this site.
- ◆ Answers to questions about the Community Gardens may be found on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page.
- ◆ Newsletters will also be posted under “Newsletter “ .

Make our website a favorite: www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/hort/communitygardens/

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