



# 2020 Garden Season Information

**Our Common Home Community Garden** was launched in 2018 to become a neighborhood hub that emphasizes the “community” in community gardening. This garden is located in Milwaukee on the property of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (58<sup>th</sup> St. & Forest Home Ave.), and is managed by UW-Extension. The garden strives to promote physical, psychological, and social well-being by stimulating community engagement. Garden plot registration is open to everyone – *the number of plots is limited!*

- How can I **stay up-to-date** on the latest information and events?
  - Join the “Our Common Home Community Garden” Facebook group. You can share your garden-related experiences, give or receive tips and advice, and find information on garden events.
- How do I rent a garden plot as a **new gardener**? (I did not have a plot last year, but I want one this year)
  - Complete the *New Plot Request Form* found at <https://milwaukee.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/garden-rental/>  
DO NOT submit payment yet. That happens later.
    - Email the form to [Milwaukee.Garden.Rentals@extension.wisc.edu](mailto:Milwaukee.Garden.Rentals@extension.wisc.edu) or Mail to:  
UW-Extension/Garden Rental  
6737 W. Washington St. Suite 2202  
West Allis, WI 53214
    - Phone: 414-615-0538
  - The garden rental staff will assign a plot to you by the end of April when plots become available for new gardeners to rent. At this time, you will receive the *Garden Plot Registration Form*, the two liability waivers (UW-Extension & Our Lady of Lourdes), and the rules and guidelines.
  - All gardeners need to fill out the *Garden Plot Registration Form*, sign the two liability waivers (UW-Extension & Our Lady of Lourdes), and submit them with payment to UWEX by mail or in person.
  - Plots are usually available for planting by the third week of May and the garden season ends the third week October. During the off-season, new gardeners will be assigned garden plots as they become available but not before returning gardeners are registered.
- How do I rent a garden plot as a **returning gardener**? (I had a plot last year and want one again this year)
  - Returning gardeners have until early April to re-register for their garden plots. If UW-Extension encounters any delays in mailing the forms to returning gardeners, the delays will be communicated via email.
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- What if I **don't have time** for my own garden plot?
  - Attend a garden event and sign up to volunteer in the Food Bank Garden for local food banks.
  - See the parish calendar or the garden Facebook group for event information.
  - If you have questions, email [commonhomegarden@gmail.com](mailto:commonhomegarden@gmail.com)