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Dear Gardeners:

It is time to secure your plot for the upcoming gardening season at the Eau Claire County Community Garden Site located on Jeffers Road, just off the North Crossing.

**Things to note for this season:**

- The brush site is being run by BOXX Sanitation and is opening April 15 (see attached document for hours and pricing). [boxxsanitation.com/greenwaste](http://boxxsanitation.com/greenwaste)
- The berm has been moved a bit closer to the gardens.
- Garden entrance/exit roads have been moved.
- The Hmong Mutual Assistance Association's. Kajsiab (Peaceful-Heart) Project will continue this year at the garden. The goal of the Kajsiab Project is to enhance Hmong elders' quality of life by providing programming that reduces social isolation, increases physical and mental health literacy that addresses historical and life-long trauma, and promote healing through innovative and creative expressions. [www.ecahmaa.org/wd](http://www.ecahmaa.org/wd)
- NEW! You will have the option to decline garden tilling this year. Some gardeners like to do this themselves, conduct a no-till garden method, and others want to garden much sooner than we are able to get tilling completed.

**Same as last year:**

- Garden plots measure 20'x45' and will cost \$35 per plot.
- For those who do not have a hold fee on a plot you can select a plot that is listed as "open" on the enclosed garden map.
- For those who indicated this option ~ Plots will be tilled before the start of the regular planting season.
- We will again offer a "hold fee" for the following year.
- A portable toilet will be available for the months of May –August.
- The roads will only be mowed one time in June, July, and August.

You will be notified when the plots have been numbered and tilled.

How to rent garden plot(s):

- A map of the garden site and regulations are enclosed.
- If you are interested in obtaining a garden plot(s), return the attached registration form.
- **Payment methods:**
  - check or money order (made payable to *Eau Claire County Extension*)
  - credit or debit card is available by calling us or coming to the Extension office. You can submit one check for multiple plots.
- Only requests with full payment will be accepted – we will not hold any plots while waiting for payment.
- Plots will be assigned on a first-come basis and are **Non-refundable**.
- If your preferred choices are not available we will try to contact you at the daytime number you have listed on the garden rental form. If we are unable to contact you, our office will randomly assign you a garden plot.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Community Gardens or any gardening questions in general. The Extension Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. I look forward to working with you again this summer.

Sincerely,



Erin LaFaive, Horticulture Educator  
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