



BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM

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Brown County Community Gardens Program Registration Open to Public

Green Bay, WI—April 7—The Brown County Community Gardens Program is offering garden plot registration online and by phone beginning **8 a.m. Wednesday, April 15. Community members can submit an application to rent a plot at browncountycommunitygardens.org or by calling 920-391-4660.** Plots will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, and include a nominal fee.

The program offers nearly 400 rental community garden plots at 12 locations throughout Brown County. Community members rent plots for \$10 to \$45 for the growing season, and use the space to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables. The program provides the land and water and renters can plant, care for, and harvest their own plots.

In addition to increased access to fresh produce, participants report mental and physical health benefits and increased community connections, and also help to promote environmental sustainability, among other benefits. Gardeners, including many immigrants and refugees, also use their plots as a way to maintain cultural traditions and access diverse foods not readily available at grocery stores.

Having access to gardening space can also be especially beneficial given the COVID-19 health crisis. “With the added stress we are going through now, I can’t wait to get into my garden knowing how much it helps my mental health and is something healthy to do for my family,” says gardener Beth Stockbridge.

In the past, garden plot registration has been conducted by in-person events. The process has gone online, and is available by phone due to the Stay At Home order issued by Gov. Tony Evers.

“It is restorative to get outside, play in the dirt, and witness the miracle of going from a tiny seed to food you can provide for your family. Even if you have no experience, we old hands are happy to share the excitement of gardening,” says longtime gardener and board member Dee Ann Sanders.

The Community Gardens Program is jointly funded by Brown County and the City of Green Bay and is also made possible by countless community partners and supporters.

The application form will be available in Spanish and English at browncountycommunitygardens.org. Interpreters are available by appointment for phone registration. For more information about the Community Gardens Program, please visit browncountycommunitygardens.org.

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