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| |  | | --- | | ***Mission Statement:*** *To enhance the quality of life of Gooding County residents by creating and sustaining individual garden plots that foster horticulture education, environmental stewardship, & recreation and by growing community garden spaces to contribute produce to local food pantries.* | | ***Goal:***“Demonstrate and promote the adoption of urban and agricultural conservation practices.”  ***Our Objectives:***  1. Provide a place for area residents to meet and share a common interest in gardening;  2. Offer opportunities for children, youth, adults and seniors to learn about gardening and grow healthy food;  3. Give area residents of all ages and abilities an accessible place to garden;  4. Promote collaboration and community investment to develop, sustain and preserve the garden for years to come;  5. Nurture growing techniques;  6. Encourage community gardeners to support the produce needs of local food pantries’ clients;  7. Exhibit demonstration gardens and educational information that promote various gardening habitats, such as vegetable gardens, raised garden beds, container gardens, straw bale gardens, herb gardens, etc.;  8. Facilitate future programming related to gardening, e.g., food preservation, garden habitats, pollinators, etc.; and  9. Pursue local and national grant opportunities to assist in the development and sustainability of the Gooding Community Garden. | |  |  | |  | | --- | |  | |  | | Gooding Community Garden  c/o Gooding Soil Conservation District  820 Main Street, Gooding Idaho 83330-1623 | |  | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Gooding Community Garden | | Together We Can…  Grow Produce  Grow Friends  Grow Our Community!  C | |  | |  | |

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| |  | | --- | |  | | Volunteering! Please check areas that you would be interested in volunteering with us during the season.  \_\_\_Site maintenance  \_\_\_Phone calls  \_\_\_Mailings  \_\_\_Assigning plots  \_\_\_Path maintenance  \_\_\_Construction projects  \_\_\_Watering  \_\_\_Annual planting  \_\_\_Fall cleanup  \_\_\_Composting  \_\_\_Social events  We also welcome service-learning students, aspiring interns, and work-study employees.  What Can I Do To Help?  Adopt your own plot! Volunteer to help in the community food plots! Make a donation! Donate tools! 17 plots to adopt on a first come basis. Approximate plot sizes: 10’ by 18’. | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Location? The Gooding Community Garden is located  behind the USDA building at 820 Main Street  in Gooding, Idaho.  The garden is open seven days a week from  sunrise to sunset.  Adopt A Plot…………….  There are 17 plots to adopt on a first come  basis. Approximate plot sizes: 10’ by 18’.  My Reasons To Garden?  I can make new friends – Diverse people come together, information is shared, relationships develop, and we feel connected to our community.  It’s good for my health —Fresh produce is great for your diet. Gardening is also great exercise and working outside in the fresh air can be a great stress reliever.  Local food —Knowing that your food did not travel cross-country or around the world to get to your table is a good thing!  Supplements income —With climbing gas and food prices, who doesn’t need a few extra bucks every now and then? Growing your own produce can slash grocery bills.    Community gardening is a great way to get involved and to support the quality of life in our area. | |  | |  | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Interested? Grow With Us!  To adopt a plot, volunteer, donate or to find out more information call:  208-944-3655  208 – 539-3585 please text only  We look forward to hearing from you! Key Players! Gooding Soil Conservation District  University of Idaho Extension, Gooding  National Association of Soil Conservation Districts  USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service  City of Gooding  Gooding High School Envirothon Team  Gooding FFA | |  | | Contact Us:  **Gooding Soil Conservation District** 820 Main St. Gooding, Idaho 83330-1623 **Phone:** 208-944-3655  **University of Idaho Extension, Gooding County**  203 Lucy Lane Gooding, ID 83330-1178  **Phone:** 208-539-3585 text only | |