

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, and 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:

Provide a place for area residents to meet and share a common interest in gardening;
Offer opportunities for children, youth, adults, and seniors to learn about gardening and grow healthy food;
Give area residents of all ages and abilities an accessible place to garden;
Promote collaboration and community investment to develop, sustain, and preserve the garden for years to come;
Nurture growing techniques;
Encourage community gardeners to support the produce needs of local food pantries' clients;
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.;
Facilitate future programming related to gardening, e.g., food preservation, garden habitats, pollinators, etc.; and
Pursue local and national grant opportunities to assist in the development and sustainability of the Gooding Community Garden.

ADOPT A GARDEN PLOT

There are 17 plots to adopt on a first come first serve basis. Approximate plot sizes: 10' by 18'. Adoptable plots require a \$30 fee that goes towards the water bill for the garden. A signed contract is also required before a plot can be assigned.

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- National Association of Soil
- Conservation Districts
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- City of Gooding
- Gooding FFA



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FRIENDS,
& COMMUNITY!



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WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Adopt your own plot! Volunteer to help in the community garden plots! Make a donation! Donate tools or other gardening items! We have several plots available to adopt on a first come basis. Approximate plot sizes are 10' x 18'.

WANT TO DONATE?

A garden needs many things to grow. All donations are tax deductible. Here are just a few items we need:

- Mulch
- Compost Fertilizer (weed free)
- Construction items
- Garden tools
- Garden hoses and watering equipment
- Fencing materials
- Plants, seedlings, and seeds
- Use of landscaping and construction equipment



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer opportunities at the garden are plentiful. Some volunteer ideas include:

- Site maintenance
- Path maintenance
- Tool and equipment maintenance
- Construction projects
- Watering
- Annual planting
- Spring cleanup
- Fall Harvesting
- Fall cleanup
- Composting
- Social events

We also welcome service-learning students, aspiring interns, and work-study employees.

WHY SHOULD I GARDEN?

Make new friends - Diverse people come together, information is shared, relationships develop, and a connection to Gooding community is enhanced.

A healthy lifestyle - Fresh produce is great for a balanced diet. Gardening is also great exercise and working outside in the fresh air can be grounding and relieve stress.

Healthy connection to food - Knowing where your food comes from and how it grows brings greater enjoyment from eating and less likelihood to waste food.

Save on groceries - With rising food and fuel costs this is a great opportunity to save on fresh produce and a chance to build a canned or frozen food storage supply.

