Hi All,

I thought I would send out some basic information about the Guerin Garden as we have a lot of new families in the group. But for those of you that have helped in the past, please read on as there is information that will be helpful to you as well.

Garden location:

-the garden is located at the northeast corner, behind the school. Take the fire lane on the north side of the school and look for the red shed.
-you may park in the grassy area between the garden and the road. Be careful not to park on the hose, if it is out.

The Garden Shed:

Inside the shed you will find:
-a bucket that has hand tools to help with pulling weeds, there are also some full size shovels and rakes
-a bag with extra garden gloves if you don't have any, or forget to bring yours
-sprinklers and wands to attach to the hose for watering
-wipes for cleaning off your hands (please let me know if there aren't any left so that I can replace them)
-a first aid kit that is sitting on one of the support shelves that is directly above the doors on the inside of the shed (again, let me know if anything needs replaced)
-bug spray and wasp/hornet killer will be sitting on the counter
-bushel baskets that can be used for weeds, rocks, as well as harvest time.
-extra flags for marking where plants are
-extra tomato cages
-wheelbarrows and tillers are stored in there as well
-scale that is used for weighing produce at harvest times

-bucket containing hose mending parts and tools
-box of plastic stakes to be used for staking up pepper plants as they get taller. There are also bags of ties if needed to tie plants to stakes as they grow.

Weeding:
-by hand – pull weeds in and around the cages and plants.
-with tiller – if you would like to use the tiller, it would be best to arrange a time with Tod or Bruce so they can familiarize you with our tillers. Currently our tillers are being serviced and we should have them back by first week of June. When tilling: go in between the plants, getting as close to cages/plants as possible.
-rocks can also be picked up and put behind the shed. Helpful to use a wheelbarrow for this. There is a pile of rocks already started.

Watering:
If you are going to the garden to water: Most of the time the hose will be hooked up to the spigot located on the back side of the school. **If not:**
1. you will need to connect the main hose on the hose reel to the spigot. It helps if you pull the hose reel away from the wall a bit to keep the supply hose from kinking.
2. next pull that hose across yard to garden area and hook to "Y" valve that is connected to the other hose that is laying near the front area of the garden. You can now control which hose reel to use. Make sure the valve control runs in the direction of the hose you want to use-this will allow the water to flow thru.
3. choose your method-hand watering with the wand or using the sprinklers in the shed.

Please be advised –most times only 1 hose reel at a time can be in use. We simply do not have enough water pressure to use 2 hoses at once.

-please be extremely careful when watering with a wand. This is a fairly easy process, but you must be aware of where you are pulling the hose so as not to pull it across plants and break them.
-when done, please turn water off at spigot. DO NOT stand in front of spigot. There is built in pressure relief valve and you will get wet.

IMPORTANT!!! The mowers come on Friday to mow the campus grounds so our hoses must be disconnected from main source at the school and reeled back up onto the cart by Thursday evening. Please move hose reel as close to school as possible to help the mowers.

MISC.:
-bring water, sunscreen
-remember to update the entire group if you have been to the garden to let us know what you did and/or what still needs to be done.

Please make sure shed door is completely shut. The left door is a little hard to close. Lift the bottom up a bit and it will slide over the threshold. Please lock the left door using the lock at the top of the door. Shut the right door and turn the handle.

Thanks again for volunteering! If you ever have any questions or would need assistance while you are at the garden, you can reach me at:
419-512-4434.

His peace,
Kathy

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