



Gardeners: Your help is needed

Due to the current uncertainty many now live in; food insecurity is a major community stress. It likely will not end as quickly as it began.

Please help. If you have extra produce, please donate it (community food banks/pantries, meal programs, family members, people you know,

shelters, church/religious groups, etal).

Please follow the current COVID 19 recommendations including social distancing and gathering size as you make the donations.

If you have the time and an outlet for the harvest of increased plantings; increase your garden plantings. Some programs call it "Plant a Row", or donation gardening (some with a specific site). Please ask the intended recipient/organization before investing the money and time. See the document Best practices for Donation Gardening Mahaska County for preferred crops and The Ecumenical Cupboard contact information (their information is provided as an option, there are many other places you can donate).

If current COVID 19 recommendations allow, mentor other gardeners in your community. Visit our office, this website, & Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for more information on many gardening topics.

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