

April 2020

Dear Friends,

We hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. We are doing well and feeling fortunate to have little plants to take care of each day. Your plants are growing well in the greenhouses and they will be ready for you to bring home in late May. Growing a garden is always an expression of hope and resilience, and this year more than ever our gardens will strengthen our spirits, brighten our lives with good food and cheerful flowers, and give us a peaceful place to enjoy outside.

We wanted to let you know how we will do plant pickup this year. Our two goals are to make sure that everyone gets their plants and to do this in a way that is safe for everyone. We are sorry this letter is so long!

Basic Plan. We will do curbside pick-up at the farm with two customers every 15 minutes. We have an online scheduling system for you to select a time to pick up your plants.

Will the greenhouses be open to the public? Unfortunately, we will **not** have open greenhouses. Our greenhouses will be closed to the public this year. One of the greatest joys of our year is having you in the greenhouse and the great group conversations of people talking with each other about gardening, but we cannot do that this year. Hopefully, next year!

When can we pick up our plants? We have set up a calendar system online where you can sign up for a date and time slot to pick up your plants. We will be open for pickups for eight days: Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25, and Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, May 31. We will be open those days from 8:30 am to 12 noon, and from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The website for you to sign up for your pickup time is www.calendly.com/goodearthfarm. Once you get to the website, click on the Plant Pickup box. It will take you to the calendar for May. Select a day and a time slot. If the time slot you want is full, the online calendar will tell you that the time is not available. Please choose another time slot. There are 480 openings in the time slots, which is about two slots for each gardener. We hope you find a time that works for you. If you do not have access to this website or if you cannot find a time that works, please give us a call and we will work something out. Please sign up soon to find a time choice that works for you.

What will the pickup arrangement be like at the farm? When you arrive, please drive up the driveway (we will have signs). If there is a line, please get in the line. It would be helpful if you could write your name(s) on a piece of paper and have it on the dashboard of your car. We will have two giant tables at the top of the driveway. We would ask you to pull up to (or back into) one of those tables. We will get your order and bring it to the table. Then you can load your order into your car.

If we owe anything, how will we pay ? Our preference is a check. If you bring cash, please bring exact cash. We will not be able to make change. We are not set up for credit or debit cards. We will have a container and you can put your check or cash into it.

What about extras? If there is something you forgot to order or were planning to get in the extras greenhouse, please call us (603-529-2170) or send us an email (dave@goodearthfarmnh.com) with your additions. We will add them to your original order form. You can pay for your extras by sending us a check by US mail or pay at the time of pickup. Please send us any orders for extras by Friday, May 15th. Thank you!

What about walk-ins? Unfortunately, this year we cannot handle walk-in customers and at the same time provide a safe experience to our customers who have filled out pre-orders and scheduled a pickup time. If people arrive without a pre-order, we will give them an order form and will ask them to fill it out. We will arrange a later time for pickup that is convenient for them.

Do you know someone who could use some plants? In early June, we may still have some plants left. We will then be looking for good homes for our extras. We will contact our local food pantries to see if they would like plants, especially vegetable plants. If you know of a family who has lost their jobs and would like to have a garden, please feel free to put them in contact with us.

We hope you understand why we are doing things this way this year. We feel fortunate that we are still allowed to sell you plants for your garden. Some states are completely closing plant businesses that sell to home gardeners. Other states are putting restrictions on home gardener plant sales that do not permit person to person contact. New Hampshire has decided that greenhouses are an essential business and is requiring greenhouses to have procedures in place for social distancing that comply with CDC and Division of Public Health guidelines. We feel this plan will keep all of us safe, and at the same time allow us to help you grow your own food and flowers.

We are all going through many changes in our lives. As a society, we are becoming more appreciative of all the people who serve in so many ways. More than ever, we treasure our family and friends and the communities that we build. We both are incredibly grateful to be a part of your life and your community. We look forward to seeing you in late May.

Thank you,

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