



Bothwell Farms Farm Stand

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Overview

Bothwell Farms is a family owned, family run farm stand serving the Northern Will county area. For the Spring season, we grow annual and perennial plants, hanging baskets, patio pots, and bedding / vegetable flats. During the Summer & Fall we grow vegetables for our truck farm.

Background

Bothwell Farms has leased a farm stand in New Lenox Township for the last 5 years. We serviced customers from New Lenox and the surrounding areas with our plants and produce. For the 2016 growing season, the landowner for our farm stand informed us that he has other plans for his property, and did not renew our lease. We have continued growing in our greenhouses on the property that we own in Manhattan, but we have had an outpouring of requests to have a farm stand in New Lenox to better serve those customers. After looking at a couple of locations, we decided to set up on the property by Ace Hardware on Rt 30 managed by Drew Weems.

Specifications

We would like to set up a temporary farm stand with a hoop house to display our plants during the months of May & June. A sample photo of the hoop house is included on the cover of this package. The footprint of the hoop house is 21' wide and 30' long. The hoop house would occupy approximately 4 parking spaces out of the 202 available on the property. We also would fence off an additional 2 parking spaces for outdoor display of plants that would be moved indoors at night. The hoop house is similar in size and construction to the temporary hoop houses located at both Jewel parking lots in the Village. I have included detailed assembly instructions for the hoop house, which includes construction materials (steel poles covered in clear plastic) and provisions for anchoring the hoop house. To anchor the hoop house to the ground, we will use the recommended procedure of weighing down the bottom of the benches with cinder blocks, which is detailed in the assembly instructions included.

The season for plant sales dies down after July 1, which is when our produce starts to come in. At that time we would like to transition the hoop house to display our produce for sale inside with little to no produce being displayed outside. Our produce offerings will run from July 1 (or earlier) until October 31, at which time we will take down and remove the hoop house.

Employees / Hours of operation / Business Practices

Any person working at the farm stand will have a transient merchant license from the Village of New Lenox. Our hours of operation will be from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm every day. We carry a \$1million per occurrence / \$2million aggregate liability insurance policy. We have a current Business Authorization with the State of Illinois, and will file a ST-2 for sales taxes collected at this location for the Village of New Lenox.

Items offered for sale

We grow all products for sale on property that we own, or are under direct control of.

In the Spring we will offer:

- Hanging Baskets / Patio Pots
- Bedding plant flats
- Individual plants for custom plantings
- Vegetable flats / Vegetable & Herb plants
- A variety of customized planters

In the Summer months we offer:

- Sweet Corn
- Tomatoes
- Onions
- Potatoes
- Summer Squash
- Lettuces
- Beets
- Radish
- Cut herbs
- Melons
- Cauliflower

In the Fall Months we offer:

- Most of the summer produce
- Fall Squash
- Pumpkins
- Mumms
- Ornamental Kale
- Straw Bales / Cornstalks



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See details for set-up

New Lenox Laundry

JBD White Horse Inn

Paisanos

Wholly Cow
Leather Works

New Lenox Mail
& Parcel Center

Nook & Cranny
Decor & More

New Lenox
Ace Hardware

New New Lenox
Currency/Exchange



