

Grow & Give Donation Program

Your extra garden-grown produce
can make a difference to those in need.



FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

Do pantries use fresh produce?

Yes! Pantries often distribute or cook using fresh produce. Your donations can reduce or eliminate their need to buy produce.

What happens if I have too little or too much?

While it is best to check in with your local pantry before donating, most pantries can combine your “too little” with others or save your “too much” for another meal.

What are the best crops to grow?

It is a good idea to grow common fruits and vegetables that are prolific growers and have good storage capability. Examples: summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, hardy greens, winter squash, onions and garlic, potatoes, and apples.

Where is the closest pantry?

Consult the Grow & Give pantry list and/or the [Grow & Give pantry map](#) for possible locations to donate your produce. But ask around, as there may be others.

What about food safety? Can I get sued?

People who donate food are protected under the Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. However, it is a good idea to practice safe harvesting techniques such as clean hands, sterilized harvesting equipment (clean knives and clean bags) and kitchen surfaces (1 tsp of bleach to 1 gallon of water is a good and simple sterilization spray). It's also best to compost or discard fruits and vegetables that look diseased or questionable.

If you have other questions, please contact Garden Project:

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