

An important message from your Food Bank

Gardeners Across America Harvest A Lot Of Produce. Their Garden Bounty Can Help Your Food Pantry

No one needs to tell you how difficult it is to meet the increasing food needs of your community today.

Gardeners in your community can help. They often grow more fruit, vegetables, herbs and nuts than they can use and would be happy to share some with your food pantry – if only they knew how.

The AmpleHarvest.org Campaign is a <u>free</u> nationwide registry that enables home gardeners and commercial growers near you to easily find your pantry when they have harvested more than they can use, preserve or give to friends. Recently highlighted on the White House web site (<u>www.AmpleHarvest.org/whitehouse</u>), it has received support from Feeding America and your food bank, Google.com, the USDA, the National Gardening Association, the National Council of Churches, major service organizations as well as writers/bloggers across the country (see www.AmpleHarvest.org/comments and www.AmpleHarvest.org/news).

Nearly 6,000 food pantries across all 50 states have already registered with more signing up every day. More than 20 million lbs. of freshly harvested produce was donated by local growers to nearby food pantries across America in 2011. If your food pantry is not yet registered at www.AmpleHarvest.org, you are missing the opportunity to receive locally grown freshly harvested produce from area gardeners. Please add your pantry today!

Adding your pantry to AmpleHarvest.org is EASY, FAST and FREE. It can be done quickly online (www.AmpleHarvest.org) or by fax (866-748-3516*). In addition to providing your pantry information (even a photo can be included!), you can also list store bought items you most urgently need and update it as needed for donors helping you when the gardening season is over. More information is available at www.AmpleHarvest.org/fag.

Your pantry doesn't need additional refrigeration or storage because you can schedule produce donations and client pickup on a same day or next day basis. Free iPhone and Android apps (named "AmpleHarvest") also enable the donation of store bought items.

Many home and community gardeners are eager to reach into their backyards to help their neighbors in need. AmpleHarvest.org helps them find you.

We strongly urge you to visit www.AmpleHarvest.org and register your agency (or if necessary, fax the attached form to 866-748-3516) today!

Note: Your pantry does not need to be connected to the Internet to be found on AmpleHarvest.org.

*Please try to register online (www.AmpleHarvest.org) if at all possible. Use the fax form only if absolutely necessary. Thank you.

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"AmpleHarvest.org Registration By Fax" Form

Please Use this form *only* if you are unable to register online at www.AmpleHarvest.org

Please **PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS**

Fax this completed form to 866-748-3516

Pantry		Required
name Street		Required
address		(No PO Box!)
City		Required
State		Required
Zip		Required
Your name		Required
Phone #		Required
Fax #		Required
Email		Optional but
address		strongly recommended
Pantry website		Optional
Donation		Required
times (day/times)		Ideally, just before clients pick up food
Additional		Recommended.
information		Include information
		such as "call first" or we
		need baby
		food, etc. etc.
	All registered food pantries need a user name and password. If you do not enter a user name and password, we'll assign them to you.	
User name		Must be unique
Password		At least 7
		characters

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