



# DETROIT

## PRODUCE *for* PANTRIES



Food insecurity in Detroit is almost double the national average, which means many families do not know where their next meal is coming from. At the same time, emergency food pantry clients face a limited selection of fresh produce at pantries mostly stocked with processed food.

## GROWERS LIKE YOU CAN HELP

Keep Growing Detroit and Gleaners Community Food Bank are partnering with Detroit food pantries to connect growers with extra produce to pantries in need of fresh food.

When you find yourself with extra produce throughout the year, consider donating to one of our partners below. Your produce donations can inspire new gardeners and increase food security in Detroit. To participate, you should have a safe soil sample on file with Keep Growing Detroit. Haven't tested your soil yet? Contact us, we can help!

## PARTNER PANTRIES

### **The Mercado Food Hub, 2826 Bagley**

**Contact:** Alma Perez, 313 963 8880

**Best time to donate:** W 11-2

**Notes about donating:** Enter through sliding doors on 20th st.

**Volunteer/Distribution times:** M 9-1:30, W 2-5:30, Sat 9-1:30

### **Twelfth St. Food Pantry, 1829 Pilgrim**

**Contact:** Bobby Cooper, 313-550-2288 \*Call Bobby before dropping off

**Best time to donate:** Every other Thursday [Starting August 10th] 12-4

**Notes about donating:** Use SW entrance facing Rosa Parks

**Volunteer/Distribution times:** Every other Friday of the month [Starting August 11th]

### **All Saints Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry, 7824 W. Fort St**

**Contact:** David Allen, 313-633-4637

**Best time to donate:** T 9-10, W 12:30-1:30

**Notes about donating:** Enter through door facing garage

**Volunteer/Distribution times:** T 10-12, W 1:30-3

**Check back soon for additional partners.**

**If you know a pantry that would be a good fit for the program please contact**

**sonali@keepgrowingdetroit.org or 313-757-2635**

## DONATE AT KEEP GROWING DETROIT OPEN HOURS

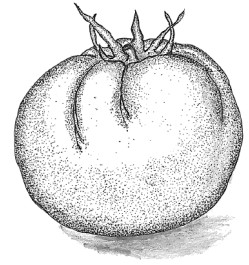
Keep Growing Detroit will also accept produce donations during farm Open Hours on Tuesdays 5-7pm & Thursdays 5-7pm (through November), or Fridays 9am-12pm (through October) at 2202 Third St 48226.

Produce for Pantries is a collaboration between Gleaner's Food Bank and Keep Growing Detroit. Contact Keep Growing Detroit at 313-757-2635 or [keepgrowingdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:keepgrowingdetroit@gmail.com) with questions.



# FARM TO PANTRY

## Helpful tips for donation






### HARVESTING

Rules of thumbs for produce quality & quantity:

- The best time to harvest is in the morning before produce gets too hot.
- For leafy greens, pull off damaged or yellowed leaves at harvest. Submerge greens in cool water to remove field heat shortly after harvest to prevent wilting. Not all produce should be washed - see below.
- If harvesting more than 12 hours before donating, some produce will need to be kept cold - see below.
- Donate produce that *you* would eat. Some holes and light damage is okay; no bugs or rot.
- Donate enough for someone to make a meal with. Suggested minimum donations: one head/bag of lettuce, 1 large or 2 small zucchinis, 1 bunch of beets.

### PROCESSING & STORING

All produce should be dirt-free and properly stored before donating.

<b>CHILL &amp; WASH</b>	SPINACH SALAD LETTUCE	KALE BROCCOLI GREENS	CARROTS BEETS CAULIFLOWER	TURNIPS RADISHES COLLARDS	LEEKS CABBAGE BRUSSEL SPROUTS
<b>CHILL &amp; DON'T WASH</b>	SQUASH EGGPLANT PEPPERS	CELERY BEANS PEAS	CORN OKRA BERRIES	CUCUMBERS	
<b>DON'T CHILL &amp; DON'T WASH</b>	TOMATOES POTATOES GARLIC	ONIONS			

### TRANSPORT

- Dry all produce thoroughly before packaging it for delivery.
- Deliver produce in a clean container, some pantries will have containers for transfer.
- Bag or bundle the produce into 1lb or larger unit sizes when possible; loose produce will also be accepted.

### DELIVERY

- Please clearly label crops or include a list of what crops you are donating.
- Check in with the pantry coordinator when you arrive and fill out the donation log.
- Stay to volunteer when possible.

