

Frequently Asked Questions Donors Have About Gleaning

What about liability issues?

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act protects donors from liability when donating to a non-profit organization.

All volunteer gleaners must sign liability waivers to assure that farmers will not be held liable for any damage or injury incurred during a gleaning event.

Are volunteers versed in farm etiquette?

Yes, all volunteers will go through a training session explaining how to harvest crops, use tools, etc.

We also encourage farmers/farm managers to either go over ground rules with the group or express specific requirements to the Gleaning Coordinator before an event.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes, we'll be happy to provide you with a receipt after a donation is made. Please let us know the value of your product so that we can make out the receipt for the appropriate amount.

What about post-harvest handling?

Along with training volunteers on farm etiquette, we will demonstrate proper handling techniques for produce to help assure quality and prevent spoilage (as much as possible).

Who are the volunteers?

The volunteers will be a wide range of community members and service groups ranging from church groups to high school groups.

How old are the volunteers?

We are sensitive to concerns about maturity levels. Volunteers are typically adults and young adults. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. We are happy to limit the ages of volunteers to your preference.

Community Harvest is a program of Community Farm Connection, a non-profit organization committed to supporting small farmers and improving consumer access to locally grown food.

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