

## How to Donate Homegrown Produce to Food Pantries

The 1996 Bill Emerson Food Donation Act protects gardeners who donate produce in good faith to nonprofit organizations from criminal and civil liability.

Contact the pantry manager Find local food pantries online at ampleharvest.org Do they accept fresh produce? When should donations be dropped off? Select vegetable seeds or plants to grow that are most needed by food pantries. What produce is best to donate? Only apply animal Trellis tomato Wash hands when Clean and dry working with reusable storage and and pepper manure or manure compost 4 months donation containers. plants to avoid crops and before soil contact. harvesting. before planting. Create a sorting station. Discard food with insect damage, mold, yellow or off-color leaves, bugs, and rot. Wash greens with fresh, municipal Bring produce donations to the food tap water. Do not wash tomatoes pantry at the appropriate time. and peppers.

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