Resources to Connect with a Local Emergency Food Provider

Steps in finding a local organization who would love your produce:

1. **First check the CSU Grow&Give website** [http://growandgivecolorado.org](http://growandgivecolorado.org) > Share the Harvest page > find your county’s folder. There may be information specific to your county in there. These folders will be updated as often possible.

2. **If your county’s folder does not have local resources yet, you can use the Hunger Free Colorado Food Finder website** to find a local organization. Select the organization type indicated with stars. These are the places that are most likely to be able to accept your produce.

3. **Check with your local/regional Health Department for a resource list.**

4. **Check this map** from a Colorado County Department of Public Health.
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1. **Once you identify a few organizations, start researching.** Check out their website or Facebook page for more information on donation guidelines.

2. **Call, email or visit the organization to ask about donation guidelines and procedures.** Here are some questions to ask:
   a. Can you accept backyard produce now through October?
   b. What produce do you prefer receiving? Which produce is not helpful to you or your clients?
   c. How do you prefer produce to be donated? Do arrangements need to be made in advance, or can donors drop off during certain hours?
   d. If you prefer arrangements to be made in advance, what is the best way to communicate with you?
   e. If you prefer drop-off, what are the days and hours for drop-off and what is the procedure for drop-off? Do you have a website or Facebook page that has updated hours?
   f. Do you have a maximum amount that you can take? (Some places have limited refrigeration.)
   g. Are there any safety precautions in place (COVID or routine) that donors should know about?

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Send your questions, stories, and pictures to growandgive@colostate.edu