

Garden Gleaning Project



Join the community in sharing your bountiful harvest! The Garden Gleaning Project is working to get nutritious, fresh and healthy produce from our gardens and fruit trees to those who are unable to afford and access fresh produce. The Garden Gleaning project is a neighbor-to-neighbor project aiming to foster community gleaning and to facilitate the distribution of fresh produce from community gardens to food shelves.

The need for food assistance is on the rise, and food shelves are struggling to meet the community need for fresh, healthy produce. The project aims to maximize neighborhood connections through on-site processing, education, and ultimately, composting, to build soil for community gardens. (Nothing should go to waste!)

For the launch year of the project, two food shelves will be exploring different models of food collection and distribution for their communities: **Little Kitchen Food Shelf** and **Waite House**.

In Northeast Minneapolis, the Little Kitchen Food Shelf will

- Accept produce on Sundays from 3-5pm and Thursdays from 1-3pm, or by appointment with Jennifer Schultz, project coordinator.
- Host a FREE Monthly Community Dinner – open for gardeners to attend and meet community members! Little Kitchen will utilize all produce through the food shelf (open four days a week), their free community dinners, and free summer youth programs.
- Facilitate educational and grower connections for food shelf guests.
- Record the amount of produce donated from each garden (home or community garden).



Come meet Little Kitchen staff and volunteers and learn more about how to participate!

Join us on Saturday, May 14th from 9 – 10 am, or Tuesday, May 17th from 6 – 7pm at the Food Shelf: 1500 6th St, NE Minneapolis, at the corner of 5th & 15th streets

Contact Jennifer Schultz at 612-788-2444 or jennifer@necommunity.net for more information.
Website: <http://necommunity.net/outreach.aspx>

In South Minneapolis, Waite House will

- Accept (or pick up) produce on Sundays from 3-5pm, or Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to noon, or by appointment with Jared Walhowe.
- Work with Volunteers to develop pick-up routes for produce donations from community gardens.
- Utilize all produce through a variety of food programs they offer: food shelf open four days a week, their community café where community members can enjoy a free meal, and kids café and snack programs, where community youth can come and eat nutritious food.
- Record the amount of produce donated from each garden (home or community garden).



**Come meet Waite House staff and volunteers and learn more about this project!
Join us on Monday, May 23rd from 6 – 7 pm at Waite House:
2529 13th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404**

Contact Jared Walhowe at 612 721-1681 or walhowej@puc-mn.org for more information.
Website: <http://www.puc-mn.org/NeighborhoodCenters/WaiteHouse/tabid/196/Default.aspx>

More information

Collection of tree fruit for the project is being coordinated through The Minnesota Project's Fruits of the City program, which coordinates volunteer gleaning teams to harvest tree fruit from participating homes and orchards. These fruits are then donated to food shelves around the metro area.

The Garden Gleaning Project is a collaboration of Emergency Foodshelf Network, Gardening Matters, MN Project, Hennepin County Public Health Promotions and members of the Gleaning Taskforce (see below). It is partially funded through Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Eating Minnesota contract with Hennepin County Public Health Promotions.

Gleaning Task Force

The Gleaning Taskforce was formed Fall of 2010 by Emergency Foodshelf Network and Gardening Matters to identify opportunities and challenges in making garden-grown produce available to those in need.

Taskforce Members are food shelf coordinators and community gardeners committed to facilitating the harvesting, collecting, and distribution of food that is available. The group is working to do this by eliminating barriers for distributing garden-grown produce to improve access to healthy food.



Participants:

Kirsten Saylor, *Gardening Matters*

Katie Wahl, *Emergency Foodshelf Network*

Dianne Blaydes, *Hennepin Co. Public Health*

Nancy Pryzmus, *Beltrami Community Garden*

Rachel Henderson, *Waite House*

Michelle Horovitz, *Urban Baby Inc.*

Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer, *MN Food Share*

Neisha Reynolds, *Hennepin Co. Health*

Jennifer Schultz, *Little Kitchen Food Shelf*

Jared Walhowe, *Waite House*

Milan Mockovak, *Community Organizer*

Patsy Parker, *Compostadores*

Rebecca Harnik, *Gardening Matters*

Dave Glenn, *MN Project*

Heidi Coe, *MN Project – Fruits of the City*

Lori Spizale, *Good in the Hood/ Food in the Hood*

