



DIY HARVEST INSTRUCTIONS

It is as easy as 1,2,3!

Thank you for your efforts to harvest your surplus fruit and fight hunger! If you need to borrow harvesting equipment or boxes, you can stop by one of our equipment hubs to retrieve what you need. We will also give you a list of food pantries in your area and you can choose which one to donate your fruit to once the harvest is complete.

Please let us know in advance when you'd like to harvest, and if you'd like to acquire the equipment so we can provide you with all the info you'll need.

1) CHOOSE YOUR EQUIPMENT HUB (only if equipment is needed):

- **North Hollywood:** 7412 Fulton Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91605
- **San Pedro:** 399 W. 6th St, San Pedro, CA 90731
- **San Marino:** 2560 Huntington Dr, San Marino, CA 91108
- **Torrance:** 1901 Del Amo Blvd, Torrance, CA 90501
- **Westchester:** 6700 W. 83rd St, Westchester, CA 90045
- **Ventura:** 3533 Arundell Circle Suite L, Ventura, CA 93003
- **Conejo Valley:** 1000 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
- **Ojai:** 108 Fox St., Ojai, CA 93023

NOTE: Once you have selected an equipment hub, Food Forward will send you additional access information.

2) CHOOSE A RECEIVING AGENCY NEAR YOU:

No matter where you are, chances are, Food Forward has a relationship with a receiving agency nearby. Based on your location, Food Forward will send you a list of options along with contact and drop-off information. The final decision about where to send your bounty is yours!

NOTE: Food Forward is always looking for new receiving agencies to join us in the fight against hunger and food waste here in Southern California, so if you have an agency in mind, let us know.

IMPORTANT: Please contact Food Forward following the harvest with the number of boxes or bags harvested so we can save the info for our records and email/mail you a tax deductible receipt.

3) HARVEST THE FRUIT:

For tips on harvesting specific types of fruit, check out our [Fruit Profiles Harvest Guide](#). Below are a few guidelines to follow when harvesting, and donating your fruit:

- Always keep in mind that Food Forward's goal is to harvest and donate FRESH fruit for those without the means to afford it. Remember that someone will be consuming this fruit within a few days so please,

only add to the box fruit that you yourself would eat, and dispose of pieces you would not.

- Only ripe, undamaged fruit should be added to the box. (See photo for examples of what NOT to donate)
- Do not donate unripe or green fruit (citrus does not ripen off of the tree), no broken skin, fruit rot, or fruit that has been on the ground.
- When transferring fruit into Food Forward boxes, please be sure to remove any leaves or stems. Leaves and stems may carry the Asian Citrus Psyllid, a vector responsible for the spread of HLB (greening disease). Find out more ACP and what you can do to prevent its spread [here](#).

