

Buy/Give Garden Shares

Unlike many local CSA and "buying club" programs, every single item in our shares is grown at The Fruitful Field in Pompano. You can even come see where your vegetables are grown!

Subscribers to our Buy-Give Garden Share Program receive a weekly "share" of fresh, local vegetables and greens, all grown at the Fruitful Field using organic methods. And when you **Buy** a share, you also **Give** fresh, local vegetables and greens to local families in need, area food pantries, and soup kitchens. You also **Give** local youth first-job skills! Our paid-youth intern program "Grow City," now in its second season, provides valuable vocational and leadership skills to local teens working at The Fruitful Field.

The Fruitful Field shares program follows a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) system, in which subscriptions are purchased directly from your local farmer — in this case, TFF. All subscribers to the program share in the benefits and the risks of growing produce. This is a seasonal produce program, meaning that different greens, herbs, and vegetables will be available at different points in the season. Part of the fun of this program is trying produce that might be new to you, discovering new ways to use familiar items, and sharing in your triumphs and learning experiences with your farmer and your fellow subscribers.

CSA Share Options

Full Garden Share

Full Garden Share subscribers receive a variety of seasonal greens, vegetables, and herbs. Contents of shares vary throughout the growing season, and will each week include several bunches of greens (as examples, arugula, kale, and bok choi) and several vegetables (for example sungold tomatoes, mixed peppers, french breakfast radishes, and green beans) and a few small bunches of herbs (for example, basil, garlic chives, and parsley). Depending on the time of year and the specific produce items growing at that time, full share subscribers generally receive at least 10 to 12 different items each week. \$160 per month

Greens Share

Greens Share subscribers receive five good-sized bunches of different greens weekly. Varieties will vary throughout the growing season. As an example, a greens share one week might include arugula, mustard greens, swiss chard, dino kale, and collards. \$100 per month

Garden Share Sampler (a.k.a. Half Share)

This unique version of our popular Full Garden Share includes smaller quantities of our seasonal greens and vegetables, intended for one or two people to enjoy during the week. Vegetables, greens, and herbs will vary throughout the growing season. For example, a Share Sampler may include dino kale, arugula, Sungold cherry tomatoes, and carrots, with a basil bunch (two greens and three veggies, or three greens and two veggies, plus a few small bunches of herbs). Contents of garden share samplers may not be identical to the week's Full Garden Share.

\$100 per month

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Growing Season Subscriptions

This year, our Garden Shares program will run for approximately 24 weeks, from November 2 to April 15, give or take a week due to weather. (A limited number of early-start subscriptions are also available, beginning October 19.)

Share Pickups – Days and Times

Pickups will be held each week except for the week between Christmas and New Year's Day (there will be no pickups on December 28 and 31). You can choose either Wednesday pickups (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.) or Saturday pickups (9:30 – 11:30 a.m.) as long as there are slots available for that day. If you choose Wednesdays, you'll pick up each Wednesday; if you choose Saturdays, you'll pick up each Saturday.

Like last season, we are currently planning to hold our Wednesday pickups at the Farmers' Market in front of the Whole Foods Market. Saturday morning pickups will be held at the outdoor kitchen area at the Fruitful Field. Please bring your own reusable bag when picking up your produce. Some of our subscribers have become creative about this and like to bring cooler bags, boxes, or even large scarves to pack their vegetables and greens in to take home.

What happens if I can't pick up my share?

We want you to receive your produce each week, but If your share is not picked up by the determined end of pick-up time (6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays or 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays), it will be donated to a family in the community or to a local food pantry. If you know that you won't be able to pick up your share for a particular week, please let us know in advance (if possible) so that we can better plan our donations.

Some of our subscribers who know that they will be away designate a friend or family member to pick it up. It's a great way to introduce others to the joys of fresh, local produce. If you'd like to have someone else pick up your share for a particular week, please let us know in advance, so we know who to expect.

Alternating Shares

If you are interested in sharing a share with someone else, you can designate a partner and arrange the details between you. Both you and your alternate must keep the same pickup day each week (i.e., always Wednesdays, or always Saturdays), as we need to keep harvest amounts consistent. You should arrange billing details between yourselves and decide who will be billed for the share.

Payments

Payments are monthly, and set up through the automated system at the time of your share enrollment. This makes it much easier for everyone, both share subscribers and TFF.

The program can be ended by either the Subscriber or The Fruitful Field at any time. If you choose to stop, please coordinate it with the end of a billing cycle (end of month) as we cannot provide refunds for partial months. There are no refunds for donations already made to the program.

Tax benefit

Payments are considered a donation; one half of the amount, "the Buy" portion of your share, is the value of goods received and is not deductible. The other half, "the Give," is tax deductible. Check with your tax professional to properly use this.