

Produce for the Pantry



THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR PRODUCE!

Our drop off hours are:

Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

(If you have flexibility, between 9:30 and 12:00 is the **best** time so we have more time to get the produce ready for distribution sessions.)

Friday by arrangement

**2 Executive Drive
Morris Plains, NJ**

Some suggestions for transporting your produce to us:

- There is nothing like fresh garden produce – but remember if it is “past its prime” – is severely bruised, showing significant signs of decay, or is moldy and you would not eat it – our clients wouldn’t either. Take it to the compost pile – not the Pantry!
- Bring produce in clean, dry containers or bags. **Separate** different types of produce.
- If vegetables are fragile – such as ripe tomatoes – try to transport them so they are not stacked too much. We’ve discovered that a few split tomatoes can make a mess!
- Shake off loose dirt.
- If the vegetables or herbs you bring are less familiar, either label them or make sure you tell the warehouse worker at the Pantry who helps you what they are.
- Label any hot peppers.
- If you are storing harvested produce in your refrigerator before you bring it to us, please store it in a plastic bag on the top shelf of a clean refrigerator away from raw meat.

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