

## Backyard Gardeners vs Hunger in America

No one needs to tell you, how difficult it is to meet the urgent needs of your community today.

America's backyard gardeners often face a wholly different challenge. For many, it can feel like forever while they wait for their garden to start producing tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, squash, apples etc. But once they start harvesting their crops, it comes with a vengeance.

These gardeners would be happy to share some of their harvest with a nearby food pantry but usually don't because the neighborhood pantries are often hard to find. It does not have to be this way.



To address this dilemma, the AmpleHarvest.org. Campaign, supported by Google.com, the USDA, Rotary Int'l, VFW and other organizations, enables millions of Americas backyard gardeners to quickly find a local food pantry eager for their garden fresh produce.

<u>Signing up your pantry is quick, simple and free</u>. Just visit <u>www.AmpleHarvest.org</u> to register. Enter the name, address, phone and other optional information about your pantry and that is it. The site also accepts additional information you might want to include - such as requesting store bought items! You can even supply a digital photograph of your pantry to make it easier to find.

Once your pantry is registered, backyard gardeners wishing to donate fresh produce will be able to quickly find your pantry. The site even provides the gardener with a map and driving instructions.

Do not worry if your pantry does not have refrigerated storage. List the day[s] of the week and hours gardeners should deliver their bounty and invite your clients come later that same day to get their garden fresh produce.

The AmpleHarvest.org Campaign is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Everyone involved has donated their time and talent. There are no fees when your pantry registers on the web site, nor when a gardener uses it.

More than 2,500 food pantries are already registered and more are signing up every day.

Please visit <a href="http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/feedback.php">http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/feedback.php</a> to see what others have said about the AmpleHarvest.org Campaign. Then visit the FAQ page to learn more about it.

An estimated 100 billion pounds of food - enough to completely eliminate hunger in this country, is thrown away annually. It does not have to be this way.

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