

Hello Eden Gardeners,

As we kick off the 2026 season, we have some tips to share based upon what we have learned over the past couple seasons. Donations dropped off on Sunday at the back of the sanctuary are delivered to Glen House so we are following their recommendations to guide our efforts. You can drop off your fresh vegetables and herbs at Glen House too. Their hours are:

Please donations inside the **back double doors** of the house at 55 N. Park Blvd. **only**

during these hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday: 8am - 6 pm

Friday: 9am - 1 pm

Here are some requests:

1. Please remember to rinse vegetables to remove any dirt.
2. Donate at least a serving of vegetables like beans or greens. Single tomatoes and larger vegetables are fine as they can be combined with other donations.
3. Use the clear clamshells available on the cart to divide your donations into family sized portions for greens and herbs, place a damp paper towel in the container to help keep them from wilting.
4. Donate tomatoes and other large items in paper bags if possible to reduce the use of plastic bags.

As you plan your garden, consider growing a little extra of the most appreciated vegetables and herbs:

Favored Vegetables

- Peppers – particularly hot ones
- Lettuce – fresh greens are popular and go fast
- Tomatoes – any variety is appreciated
- Cucumbers
- Summer squashes like zucchini

Favored Herbs

- Basil
- Dill
- Mint (plant it in a container to avoid it spreading everywhere)
- Oregano
- Parsley

Less desired Vegetables

- Carrots
- Pumpkins

Less Desired Herbs

- Chives
- Thyme

You are welcome to drop off your donations at other local food pantries if that is easier for you. People's Resource Center in Wheaton accepts donations on Saturday mornings if you won't be attending FCCGE on Sunday and have fresh donations:

211 S Naperville Rd, Wheaton IL 60187

Donations of Food

Hours:

Monday 8:00am – 4:30pm
Tuesday 8:00am – 4:30pm
Wednesday 8:00am – 6:30pm
Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm
Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm
Saturday 8:00am – 11:30am

Please reach out if you have questions:

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