

Pickup Instructions—There are a few changes from last year. PLEASE READ ALL of this page & of the reverse to ensure your complete understanding.

☛ **Mark the date of your 1st pickup on your calendar--20-wk deliveries start Wed, June 14th, Thurs June 15th, & Sat, June 17th.**

☛ **If you ever have anyone pick up your box for you, be sure to share these instructions with them.** Contact the farm if you ever need a replacement copy of this or see www.AngelicOrganics.com/vegetable/pickup.pdf.

☛ **New this year!! Here's a rundown on site changes...**

★ On Weds., our **Deerfield** site replaces our Highland Park site; on Thurs., our **Rockford** site moves to a new address (not too far from where it was last year); on Sat., we have a new **North Center** site; and we combined the **Andersonville** and **Uptown** sites into a new location.

☛ **Site Etiquette:** Please take extra care to leave your site in as good or better shape than when you arrived. We are very grateful for the generous families who have offered to host our sites & do not wish to burden them any more than necessary. Hosts receive, at most, very modest compensation for their extra support of your Community Supported Farm. As such, everyone benefits when neatness & orderliness are maintained at the pick-up sites.

★ Please remember to gently **breakdown** the boxes that you return.

★ Please **do not wade** through boxes looking for that ideal mix of vegetables or that perfect "melon" (even if you do not leave the boxes disheveled); see note on **Box Quality** below—we make up for any box deficiencies.

★ Please **pick up** any stray debris & after any previous shareholders who are not as conscientious as yourselves. Let us show our appreciation for our hosts by helping out in any way we can.

☛ **Help your fresh produce stay that way... Pick up promptly.** Your vegetables are delivered in a refrigerated truck; however, because most delivery sites are in open garages or porches & have no refrigeration--the sooner you pick up, the better--as freshness & quality can quickly wither on a hot summer day.

☛ **Newsletters:** You'll want to make sure that each week you pick up the latest Farm News. It describes what's in your box and may include recipes, cooking tips, & important farm info. The newsletter is contained in a folder in a Rubbermaid box labeled *Farm Newsletters*. Be sure to close the box tightly to protect it from the elements. Prior weeks' newsletters will also be contained in this box. Please only take 1 newsletter (unless you have provided us with the names of any people you are sharing a box with--see the reverse side of this page to be sure). If you have a Fruit box, don't forget to pick up a special Fruit Newsletter as well. Also available online.

☛ **The "Swap" Box:** This box serves as a trading place--you leave things in the swap box that you don't care for & help yourself to stuff you like. Also, occasionally, this box will contain surplus & second (not as high quality) items. Remember to give others the chance to reap any bounties, too.

☛ **Return your boxes!** When you come to your delivery site to pick up your produce **please bring back the box that contained your last week's produce.** You should disassemble your box (it's easy), & stack it with the other returned boxes in the area indicated by the signs. Re-using your box saves us time & money.

☛ **Box Quality:** We do not personally identify each box. We do our best to maintain uniform & quality vegetables across all boxes. As such, please do not wade through boxes for that perfect mix of

vegetables. We would like to avoid having only shuffled through boxes left for those who pick up later. If after you get home, there are some vegetables not up to par, give us a call. We will do what we can to rectify the situation. We appreciate any comments you provide to us, good and bad, and use them to help improve your vegetable experience. While we do rinse off field dirt after harvest, as always, **we recommend that you thoroughly wash your vegetables before you use them.**

☛ **When you're unable to pick up your box during the scheduled times you may either:** have a friend pick it up, leave it at the site (most hosts direct unclaimed boxes to their needy friends, neighbors, and/or food pantries), or try to arrange next day pickup (not available at all locations). Please note that the farm can only guarantee your box will be available during your sites' stated pick up hours. To elaborate:

★ Share the harvest with family, friends, neighbors--let them pick up your box. **When you have someone else pick up, show them these instructions!** It's possible that without this info, your stand-in might cause confusion for your host, fellow shareholders, & farm.

★ In extraordinary circumstances, you may be able to pick up your box on the next day, provided you are able to call your host & receive some type of confirmation. However, there's no guarantee they can help you out (some sites are unable to accommodate next day pickup). Please do not burden our hosts any more than is necessary. Contact the farm if this presents a problem.

☛ If you would like to **pick your box up at the farm** on occasion or **change your delivery site during the season**, you may--please call or email to arrange. With our hectic farming demands, we ask that you give us a 2-week notice to make such a change.

☛ **For those sharing a box, here's how:**

❖ 1st off, we encourage you to take your whole box home & then split it with your box mate--this is the easiest way.

❖ However, where this is not possible, please proceed as follows (because there are no box labels): At each delivery site, there will be a Rubbermaid box labeled "For Shared Boxes" which contains grocery bags & markers. Do the following:

★ Take out a grocery bag & write your box mate's name on it with a marker.

★ Select a box & place half of it's contents in the bag.

★ Firmly close the bag, make sure your partner's name is legible, & place it in the area identified for them to pick up.

★ Take your half full box home with you.

Shareholders who are not sharing a box should not take these grocery bags for their vegetables since this will deplete the supply for those who absolutely need them.

☛ **Fruit boxes:** As you already probably know, in 2004 we began to deliver Fruit boxes. If you want to know more about the Fruit Program in general, visit our website at www.AngelicOrganics.com/fruit. However, here are the specifics about how to pick up your fruit box. First off, please make sure that you have signed up for a Fruit box. Details of this are on the reverse. **Please do not mistakenly pick up a Fruit box if you have not signed up for one.** Fruit Boxes will be in a separate stack from the vegetables and will be clearly labeled as Fruit. The Fruit boxes will be slightly smaller than the vegetable boxes. Before taking a fruit box, please make sure your name is on the list/poster that is posted on the site. If you feel you have signed up for a Fruit box but do not see your name on the list, please contact the farm. Just like your empty vegetable boxes, please be sure to return fruit boxes & the protective pads included with the fruit to the site on the next week when you pick up your vegetables. At this time we do not plan to have a Fruit swap box, so please just take your full box home with you. If you are sharing your Fruit box, you have the same options for sharing as described elsewhere on this page. Oh, and don't forget, please be sure to pick up a Fruit newsletter from the specifically identified box.

☛ **Any Questions?** Contact us by email or phone (as listed below).

Very Important News

☛ **Farm Field Days/Open House:** Our first Open House this year is on Sunday, July 16th. Details will be included in a future newsletter.

☛ **CSA Learning Center at Angelic Organics:** Our Shareholder-farm-related opportunities continue to improve. See the enclosed flyer. They can be reached at 815-389-8455, and their web page is at www.CSALearningCenter.org.

☛ **12-Week shares:** We sold out of 20 week shares by mid-March. However, 12-week (\$370) and winter shares (\$100) are still available. **Please pass the enclosed brochure onto any friends who might be interested in joining up with us in mid-August.** These shares seem to work well for all types; people who travel in the summer but return for school; people who love the mid-summer to late-fall crops; & folks who missed out on the full 20-week shares.

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