Salem Harvest is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization established in 2010. Our mission is to help hungry families gain self-sufficiency, build community, and celebrate sustainable lifestyles.

Salem Harvest connects farmers and backyard growers with volunteers who harvest fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. More than half of each harvest is donated to the Marion-Polk Food Share or its affiliated food agencies.

Since it started, Salem Harvest has donated more than a quarter million pounds of fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

Here’s how to get involved

To register your crops, trees, vines or berry bushes, go to our website, call (503) 400-6618, or send an email to crops@salemharvest.org.

To volunteer, go to the website, call or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@salemharvest.org.

To learn more or to make a tax-deductible gift go to the website.

Visit us online at www.salemharvest.org, or call (503) 400-6618.
Salem Harvest is the largest harvesting organization in Oregon. We invite you to join us. The process is simple: Farmers and homeowners register their crops online, and a site scout meets with the owner to assess the crop and plan the harvest. Registered volunteer pickers sign up online, checking off a liability waiver that protects the crop owner. On the day of the harvest, leaders oversee the event and ensure that the produce is delivered to a local food agency.

**SALEM HARVEST IS FOR PEOPLE WHO ...**

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<td>Oregon now has the nation’s highest rate of child food insecurity, with almost 30 percent of our children sometimes going to bed hungry. Area food banks have struggled to keep up with rising demands, and many more families simply can’t afford fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of pounds of fruits and vegetables from urban trees and farm fields go to waste. Our project leverages volunteer enthusiasm to connect this valuable resource with those most in need.</td>
<td>Salem Harvest provides a compassionate alternative to tilling under leftover crops or leaving them to rot. Farmers often have crops that cannot be efficiently harvested, are in excess of contracted amounts or are unsuited for commercial packing, and many homeowners are unable to harvest their trees. Utilizing the labor of 2,000 willing pickers, acres and tons of fresh produce can be harvested. The generosity of local growers underlies everything we do. Working together, we can celebrate our rural and urban abundance.</td>
<td>Harvests pull together a broad cross-section of the community. Hundreds of individuals interested in sustainable lifestyles work alongside people who struggle with economic challenges and food insecurity. The project offers a way for families and neighbors to work together in the outdoors, meet local farmers, and gain a better understanding of where our food comes from. Best of all, the simple act of giving empowers everyone.</td>
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