



A community service helping
to feed those in need

Protocol for Volunteer Pickers—April 3, 2020

Every current volunteer has the option to pick, should they choose to do so, PROVIDED they have isolated themselves OR practiced physical distancing for the past 14 days and agree to continue distancing from others until the governor lifts the stay home order. An exception will be made for gleaners already working or socializing together. They may pick together but must pick at separate locations from other gleaners. No guest pickers will be allowed.

1. Crews will be reconfigured into smaller teams of 2-3 pickers each.
2. Prohibit carpooling (1 person per vehicle) unless already isolating together.
3. Resident donors will be told to limit contact distance to 6 feet with volunteers when giving instructions, opening gates etc. Residents will be strongly encouraged to interact only by phone. SG will send receipts to residents electronically.
4. One picker works at one tree at a time. Pickers stay at least 6 feet apart during picking and vehicle loading.
5. Members bring their own masks and cleaning/sanitizing supplies.
6. Buckets are assigned to crew members--labeled with volunteer's name. They take buckets to and from pick. Each crew member will carry and dump their own buckets into boxes already staged in vehicles. SG can provide more buckets.
7. Gloves are to be kept by crew members and washed or disposed of between picks. If crews do not have gloves, then members will need to bring their own. Cotton gloves recommended.
8. Picking poles/clippers – do not share at the pick. Poles/clippers are wiped down after each pick.
9. Vehicle owner/driver will place the empty boxes into their vehicle and move them around if needed after buckets have been emptied into them. Will wipe down any parts of vehicle touched by owner/driver/volunteers before departing.
10. Receiving agencies will need to unload boxes from vehicles and volunteer stays at least 6 feet away. Agencies must dump boxes and return empties to the vehicle. After vehicle is unloaded, owner/driver wipes down parts of vehicle touched by receiving agency staff. (Boxes air out 24 hours before reuse.)