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SENIORS SEEK VAN DRIVERS
TO DELIVER SURPLUS FOOD
Volunteers 55+ needed county-wide

Senior Gleaners of San Diego County, a volunteer organization with a mission to address community hunger, needs volunteers with good driving records ages 55+ to drive vans that haul picked fruit and surplus groceries throughout the county.

The group operates two vans primarily on weekday mornings. Most assignments are for 3-4 hours one day per week. Grocery routes pick up unsold groceries at stores and deliver to food pantries. Fruit harvest routes pick up loaded boxes from residential harvests and deliver to similar locations--sometimes more than one delivery point.

Other volunteers accompany most drivers to help with loading and unloading. To volunteer, contact the group at: info@seniorgleanerssdco.org.

Prospective drivers attend a coaching session -- one-hour of classroom instruction and one hour driving a van. Drivers also consent to DMV notification to Senior Gleaners of any future driving infractions.

“This is a very rewarding assignment with food distributors delighted to receive the surplus food,” said Margaret Burton, Senior Gleaners board president.

To learn more about the group, visit: www.seniorgleanerssdco.org.

About Senior Gleaners of San Diego County
Since 1994, Senior Gleaners volunteers have gleaned tons of food annually throughout the county. Besides gleaning produce, the group collects unsold products donated by grocers. All the food is provided at no cost to the San Diego Food Bank, Feeding San Diego, churches, food pantries and similar organizations. In 2023, the group engaged the senior community to collect nearly 150,000 pounds of food that otherwise would have been wasted.
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