



Produce with a Purpose: Growing Roots' CSA (Vegetable Subscription) Member Agreement

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), also known as a vegetable subscription, is a partnership between the farmer and you with both of us sharing some of the risks, as well as the bounty, of the farm. This agreement outlines our shared commitments.

Produce with a Purpose Group

Please join our facebook group, "Produce with a Purpose! 2022 (Growing Roots' Vegetable Subscription)" [here](#). Though this is optional, it will help you get the most out of your subscription. This group is specifically for our CSA members. On this page you will find information about the crops in each week's share, recipe ideas (from us and from each other!), photos and other farm related news. It is also a great way to see the participants in action, lovingly growing your food!

Growing Practices

Growing Roots is not certified organic; however, our farming practices meet or exceed the national organic standards. We do not use synthetic chemical herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers. We use cover crops, mulch and compost to preserve and enhance soil structure and health. In addition, we are committed to being a 100% transparent farm. We welcome our members, and anyone else, to visit and take a tour of the farm.

Because we do not spray undesirable chemicals on the produce, it may not always be perfect in appearance. However, we will do our best to provide you with the highest quality produce possible!

Membership - 2 Options Available

Option 1- Full season subscription \$315: Members will receive a weekly full share of the vegetables that were freshly harvested from the Growing Roots garden. The season runs from the first harvest (usually late June/early July, depending on weather) to the last harvest (usually late October). Members are responsible for picking up shares each week. More detailed information about share pickups is described below. You will be contacted with the first pickup date as soon as we are certain of the first week that we can provide you with a full share. Because growth is determined by the weather and other factors that we are not in control of, this start date varies from year to year.



Option 2 - My Choice Subscription \$350: Members will be emailed every other Friday with the list of what is being harvested over the next 2 weeks and can decide whether or not they would like to receive the shares for those 2 weeks. Members will not be permitted to choose just one week. The opt-in email is sent biweekly, but the full share pick up is weekly.

My Choice Subscription members must respond to the email (sent on Fridays) by the following Monday in order to receive the shares. If members do not respond, it will be assumed that they are opting out for the following 2 weeks.

Sharing the risk of crop failure

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. We use irrigation, row cover, integrated pest management and other sustainable practices to minimize the risk of crop loss. Despite these efforts, the quantity of produce may vary from week to week and season to season due to extreme weather, insects or other production factors. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of some crop failure with us and other members. In the event of extreme crop failure, you may choose to be reimbursed for missing produce or to receive extra produce of another type in another week's share.

Picking up your share

You are responsible for picking up your share each week at **8300 Krupp Ave. NE, Comstock Park 49321** during the specified day and time that you choose—either Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 PM or Saturdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If neither of these times work for you, please arrange an alternative pick up with Jess (jessica@wegrowroots.org or call 616-516-6777). If you have a loved one that attends the Growing Roots program, you may be able to pick up your share at the time of their session. This must be arranged with Jess ahead of time.

Boxes/Bags

You will be responsible for bringing your empty CSA box/bag back each week to exchange for the box containing that week's share of produce.

Unable to pick up share

If you are unable to pick up your share, please give us as much advance notice as possible—ideally, at least 24 hours. You then have the following options:



1. You may have someone else pick up your share. Please let us know who will be coming to pick up your share.
2. With at least 24 hours notice, you may switch your pick-up day to the alternate day (either Tuesday or Saturday). We prefer that you pick one day and stick with it, but we can accommodate occasional changes.
3. You may pick up a "double share" the preceding or following week.

Switching Pick-up Day

Pickups are on Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm and Saturdays from 2:00pm-4:00pm. We ask that you pick a day and try to stay with that day throughout the season. If you need to change your day one week, we ask that you give us as much notice as possible, but at least one day in advance. If you realize that the day you chose is not working out and need to change your pickup day permanently, just let us know and we'll make the switch. What we want to avoid is frequent changes back and forth between days.

No weather cancellations

Pickup will happen rain or shine. It will not be canceled due to inclement weather.

Payment

Credit cards, cash, or checks are accepted (checks made payable to "Growing Roots").

Communication

The best way to communicate with us is via text (616-516-6777) for a timely response or email (jessica@wegrowroots.org) if the message is not time sensitive.

We will communicate with you by email or text. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list, which we will use to communicate important information about our CSA and farm events.

Digital Registration Form

By checking the box on our digital form on our website I agree to the above terms and conditions of Growing Roots' CSA (Vegetable Subscription)



Register By Mail:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Mailing address: _____

I am signing up for:

- Full Season Subscription
- My Choice Subscription

Payment:

- Check
- Cash

I would like to pick up on:

- Thursdays between 3:00 and 5:00 PM
- Saturdays between 2:00 and 4:00 PM
- Other (pre-arranged with Jess): _____

I am allergic to the following fruits and vegetables: _____

I, _____, agree to the above terms and conditions of Growing Roots' CSA (Vegetable Subscription).

Signature

Date

Mail to:

Growing Roots % Jessica Roost - 1918 Coit Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505