



LOON ORGANICS

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Farm Pick-Up: WEDNESDAY from 3 – 8:30 p.m. and continuing on THURSDAY from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

1. Picking up the CSA Box. Your CSA share will be pre-packed in a $\frac{3}{4}$ waxed cardboard box, and will be stored in our refrigerated walk-in cooler on the farm. It's a silver cooler on the right of our barn—you will see it when you pull into our driveway. You can go in the cooler and help yourself to a box. All boxes are the same size with the same contents, so please take the box on the top of the stack. Since the boxes will be stored in a refrigerated cooler, the produce will be kept fresh and you have flexibility in the time you pick up your box. CSA boxes will be ready for pick up by 3 p.m. on Wednesday and will continue until 8:30 in the evening. We harvest, wash, and pack all the produce for your box on Wednesdays, so boxes are most fresh if picked up Wednesday. If your box is not picked up by Friday, we will try to e-mail or call you. All leftover boxes are donated to the food shelf.

2. Please bring back your box every week! We will re-use the boxes many times over the season, which saves both money and resources. Another idea is to bring bags with you to transfer the CSA contents, and leave the box with us. Instructions (and photos) of how to open and flatten the boxes are included on the 2nd page of this letter.

3. Check-off List. We have a check-off list with members' names. The check-off list will be posted on the outside door of our cooler. **Please check your name off the list when you pick up your box!** The list lets us know if someone forgot to pick up their box, and we can call you. If you forget to check off your name, you may receive an e-mail on Friday asking if you picked up your box for the week.

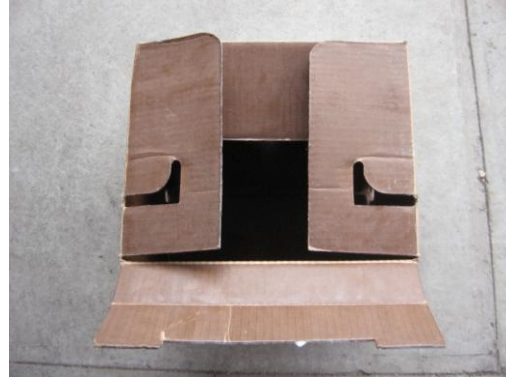
4. Can't pick-up your box? If you'll be out of town or unable to pick-up your box, you're welcome to have a friend or neighbor come and get your box for you. You don't need to tell us that you are sending someone else, but let them know about the procedure and the check-off list. If you subscribe to a $\frac{1}{2}$ share, you can defer a box to the following Tuesday, but give us a week's notice **BY E-MAIL**.

5. U-pick Crops and Extra Produce Box: By July we should start to have some herbs and flowers for members to u-pick when they get their box. The u-pick flower garden is in our yard just to the right of the barn. Information will be posted on a board near our cooler about u-pick crops and where they are. **There will also be a large box in the pick-up cooler labeled "EXTRAS/SWAP". This usually has extra and leftover produce free for the taking. You can also use this as a swap box if there is a specific produce item that you dislike and would like to trade it for something else or just leave for someone else.**

6. Newsletters: Each weekly CSA box comes with a newsletter detailing the contents of the CSA box, storage tips, nutritional info, recipes, and news from the farm. We usually e-mail the newsletter out the day of your CSA pick-up as a reminder and also to ensure that you get a copy of the newsletter if you are sharing a box with another family.

7. $\frac{1}{2}$ Share Members: If you subscribed to a $\frac{1}{2}$ share, you will receive a full CSA box **every other week**. We will assign you a pick-up week to begin, and then you will have a box packed for you every other week for a total of 9 weeks. If you split a full share with another family, we pack just one full share box for you. It is up to you and your box sharer to split the contents.

How to Open & Flatten Your CSA Box (Without Ripping It)



To open: Squeeze the top flap so that it bends at the fold and slips out of the slots it is fitted into. Do not pull up on top flap without squeezing. Pulling will rip and weaken the box.



To Flatten: Stand Box Upside Down. SQUEEZE the box end flaps back so it bends at the fold and gently slides out of the slots. Be careful not to pull up on the center tab; it will rip flaps and damage box.



Repeat on other side.

Lift all box flaps up, so the box can be flattened.

Let us know if you have questions, otherwise we will send a reminder e-mail the week before pick-up begins. We hope to begin our first pick-up on Wednesday, June 13th. We're happy to have many of you back with us for your 2nd, 3rd, or even 4th year as Loon CSA members. Wow! It's such a pleasure to grow food for our Loon community of eaters. Thanks to everyone who joined up this year! We also plan on providing over 1,000 pounds of farm produce to the McLeod Emergency Foodshelf through our Harvest for the Hungry Program. We are really jazzed to keep our foodshelf donations local and get more fresh, organic produce available there! Thanks for your support of this program. Looking forward to seeing you on the farm soon! Your farmers, Adam and Laura