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To offer the fruit from your trees as a tax deductible contribution, or if you'd like to volunteer, please visit <u>www.villageharvest.org</u> and sign up online. If you do not have Internet access, please call us toll-free at (888) FRUIT 411.

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#### **Major Recipients:**

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County
- Salvation Army, San Jose
- West Valley Community Services
- Mountain View Community Services Agency

#### **Homeowner Preparation for Harvesting:**

Before team arrives:

- Plan to be home on the date and time scheduled.
- Do not spray pesticides, herbicides or fungicides on or near tree at least 2 weeks before scheduled date.
- Hose the tree down with water 1-2 days before team arrives, to clean fruit and tree from accumulated dust or dirt.

#### On scheduled date:

- Ensure a clear path and area to allow for people and harvesting equipment to enter your garden and harvest fruit.
- Leave out bins or boxes for rotten or dropped fruit.
- Secure pets or young children who might interfere with harvesting process.

#### Support our efforts:

Village Harvest relies entirely on the efforts of its volunteers as well as donations to cover harvesting & educational expenses. Donations are greatly appreciated.

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