



# PORTLAND FRUIT TREE PROJECT

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## Large Orchard Harvest Criteria

- No fruit harvested by PFTP volunteers may be sold
- We only harvest sites outside of the City of Portland if they are larger orchards. This means ...
  - o Sites within 20 miles or 40 minutes drive of Portland
    - 10 or more trees ripe at the same time
    - 1000 lbs or more estimated harvest
  - o Sites must be within 60 miles or 90 minutes drive of Portland
    - 25 or more trees ripe at the same time
    - 3000 lbs or more estimated harvest
- Events can be full-day or half-day
- When registering you can complete one registration for all trees of same type or variety
- Please share spray schedule & what spray has been used – we want to make sure we are beyond the residue period and can communicate the spray info with volunteers
- If orchard owner has ladders and/or harvesting bags these are helpful but not required
- We will harvest trees or vines – fruiting perennials only.
- Will only do nuts if we can figure out a processing plan (has been difficult in the past)
- Fruit distribution
  - o To harvesters: Half of fruit, or up to 50 lbs per person per full day (25 lbs per half day), whichever is less.
  - o To food banks: At least half of the fruit or whatever remains after harvesters get their share
  - o We can leave up to 10% of harvested fruit for orchard owner (Again: no fruit harvested by PFTP volunteers may be sold)
- We will fill totes one at a time – requires putting totes in the fields
- Event flow: Large group welcome, then breaking into smaller groups for safety & introductions – harvest in smaller teams. Important for ensuring safety guidelines are followed.
- We will pick the trees in clumps or areas and try not to disperse the group
- Make sure trees are flagged or there are clearly marked boundaries for harvesting
- Outreach for volunteers in area of the orchard
  - o We encourage ideas from our registered orchard owners!
  - o Promote opportunity to people well in advance
    - Build mailing list for people interested
- We organize carpools for orchards further than 45 minutes drive from Portland
- Local food pantries for smaller harvests – if there are places open on weekends and/or with capacity for distribute large amount of fruit



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- We may be able to donate to specific food pantry/food bank if the orchard owner has one where they'd like fruit to be donated