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**The Gardens on Spring Creek and Food Bank for Larimer County
Team Up to Collect Donations of Garden Produce**

The Gardens on Spring Creek will be a drop off location for local gardeners to donate fresh produce for the Food Bank for Larimer County. During regular weekend hours until September 10th, gardeners are encouraged to bring their extra garden harvest to The Gardens. The Food Bank will distribute the fruits and vegetables to its clients through the Food Share and Kids Café programs.

The Food Bank is working to connect fresh and nutritious food through its Food Resource program to Larimer County residents in need. Their goal is to get fresh produce to 50% of their total distributed pounds over the next few years.

According to Michelle Provaznik, Director of The Gardens, "At this time of year, Fort Collins gardeners can have a significant impact on the amount of fresh, nutritious produce being donated to the Food Bank. Being centrally located in our community and open during the weekend when most gardeners are working in their gardens, The Gardens is a natural fit as a drop-off location."

The Gardens on Spring Creek is the community botanic garden of Fort Collins. It is located at 2145 Centre Avenue. Drop-off hours are Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sundays 12 – 4:30 p.m. Produce will only be accepted during these hours.

About the Gardens on Spring

The Gardens currently includes a showpiece Plant Select® Demonstration Garden, a Children's' Garden, the Garden of Eatin', a Rock Garden, and the Xeric Parkway Strip. The Gardens supports school and community garden outreach programs in low-income areas; offers a school field trip program and youth summer camps for grade school students; provides year-round educational programs for all ages and interests in horticulture; and hosts several special events. Learn more about the botanical gardens at fcgov.com/gardens.

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