

## **Backyard Harvest**

**Hours:** Variable throughout the year.

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### **About:**

Backyard Harvest works throughout the counties of Whitman, Latah, Asotin and Nez Perce. Since our inception in 2006, we have distributed 250,000lbs of produce throughout the Palouse and Lewis/Clark Valley. We believe that everyone deserves access to fresh, healthy food. While our priority is to outgrow hunger by connecting community members with fresh food, we also work towards empowering families and individuals to grow their own food through education and support.

We have three main program areas:

**Community Orchard & Harvest Share:** The core program of Backyard Harvest, mobilizes volunteers to glean and gather over 30,000 pounds per year of fresh produce from local farmers and homeowners to distribute among food banks, schools, and senior meal programs. The program also assists with installation and maintenance of local community, food bank, and learning gardens.

**Shop the Market:** We process EBT/SNAP (Food Stamp) payment at local farmers markets while offering an incentive to purchase fresh produce; a bonus \$2 in Fresh Bucks are given for every \$5 spent.

**Education & Outreach:** Long-term community development, works with local food banks, the YMCA, and other community partners to educate families, seniors, children, and university students on nutrition, healthy cooking, and gardening.

**Services:** Access to fresh produce; Gleaning of unused fruit and vegetables; Garden and nutrition education

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