



Come help us celebrate City of Irvine Day at Harvest Solutions Farm!

Second Harvest Food Bank is proud to operate in the great city of Irvine. This volunteer event is open to the public and is offered as part of the city-wide Serve Day with Love Irvine. Come and give back to your community!

Participants help us in our mission to provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food for all in Orange County. Volunteers will help by planting, harvesting, weeding and maintaining the farm fields of Harvest Solutions Farm, a 45-acre farm located down the road from the Second Harvest Food Bank Distribution Center. The produce grown and harvested by volunteers at Harvest Solutions Farm is ultimately distributed to those facing food insecurity in Orange County. Harvest Solutions Farm just celebrated its 1-year anniversary, having produced more than 2.5 million pounds of distributed produce for our community!

- **What to Expect:**

- You will be outdoors in a farming environment, exposed to the elements, so please plan accordingly
- Repeated bending, walking, and moving around on uneven ground
- Shade and water will be available for breaks as needed

- **What to Wear/Bring:**

- A signed volunteer liability waiver must be brought to check-in on the day of the shift. You may download and print the volunteer waivers here: www.feedoc.org/volunteer
- Footwear: Closed-toed, sturdy rubber soled running/tennis shoes or hiking boots (keep in mind shoes could get muddy)
- Clothing:
 - Long sleeves are highly recommended because some plants have small prickly spines
 - Full length pants are required
 - Hats/Sunscreen are highly encouraged (this is an outdoor opportunity with limited shade)
 - Garden gloves appropriate for food handling (gloves that have not been used for handling insecticides, pesticides, etc.) If you do not have a pair, one-time use disposable gloves will be available to you.
 - For personal safety reasons and to prevent foreign object contamination, we ask volunteers to refrain from wearing jewelry that dangles and/or has detachable pieces such as bracelets, necklaces and dangly earrings
 - Refillable water bottle (there will be water available)

- Leave valuable items at home, as Second Harvest is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- **Minor Volunteers:**
 - **This opportunity is available to volunteers 10 years old and above with adult chaperone age 21+.**
 - The following ratios of adult chaperones to minor volunteers must be followed:
 - Ages 10-12: (1) chaperone age 21+ per (5) minors
 - Ages 13-17: (1) chaperone age 21+ per (10) minors.
 - Adult participant/chaperone must register online and include all minor volunteers in their party size when registering
 - Download, print, and complete the Minor Volunteer Liability and Media waivers here: www.feedoc.org/volunteer
 - Both forms must be completed by a parent/guardian for EACH minor participant and brought to check-in on the day of the volunteer shift.
- **Directions and Parking:** Harvest Solutions Farm is located at Irvine Blvd and Lambert Road near the South Coast Research and Extension Center (SCREC). To access parking, you will pass the SCREC main entrance on Irvine Blvd and turn right onto Lambert Road. When you turn onto Lambert Road, please drive slowly since there are pedestrians and equipment moving in the area. Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the shift to allow time for parking and check-in. The parking is along the fence, past the check-in table.
- **COVID-19 Safety:** In order to keep everyone healthy and safe, we kindly ask that if you are feeling sick or are experiencing even mild symptoms of illness, please stay home.