

Astarte CSA Program

Here at Astarte, we are on a mission to grow delicious food and steward resilient, biodiverse soil using unique no-till,-no-spray farming methods. We hope that through our CSA program you too will feel invested in the importance of growing food this way. Welcome to 2022 on the farm!

Nowadays we are accustomed to getting food on-demand at the supermarket, but locally-grown, sustainable food is a product of our climate and weather. Every year is different, and every growing season has good weather for some crops and bad weather for others. For many people, the joy of belonging to a CSA becomes increasingly meaningful as they share in the ups and downs of multiple growing seasons. We don't expect to be able to make an identical box week after week, year after year, but we do promise to give you the best of what we have and to put all our effort into every harvest.

Pickup Info and other FAQs

1. Pack Times: Tuesdays by 1pm

Fridays by 1pm

- a. You may change your pack day at any point throughout the season. However, we harvest based on the pack schedule, so please give us at least a one week notice if you wish to change your pack day. **We do ask that members not switch their pickup day more than twice per season.**

Your pack day is when your share is freshest, however you may come to pick up any day of the week! We recommend not waiting more than 2 days post pack for optimal freshness.

- b. Share boxes will be located in the walk-in cooler in the purple barn. Use the sliding door located next to CSA parking on the left side of the barn. The cooler is straight ahead. We've labeled your box with your name!
- c. **Please try and remember to bring back your wax box so we can reuse it for your next pick-up!**
- d. **Pick-Your-Own hours are 8am-6pm, 7 days a week**

2. Parking

- A. **Please park on the common and walk in.** This will greatly help us keep farm traffic to a minimum. When the share is large or heavy, we have carts available to help you get your veggies back out to your car.

- B. **If you need accessibility by car for your pick-ups, please let us know and we'll be happy to make an exception.**
- C. In the event of rain, feel free to drive **SLOWLY** into the farm and park near the purple barn to pick up your veggies.

3. Bathrooms

- a. We have a composting toilet for you to use behind the purple barn on the right. A bin of coffee husks is provided — please put a scoop or two into the toilet when you are finished.

4. What if I'm going on vacation? Can I have a friend pick up for me?

- a. Yes of course! Please orient them to where to park and get the share, and let them know they can find any one of us if they have questions.
- b. If you need to miss a week, please let us know in advance so we don't build a box for you.

5. Pick-Your-Own

- a. Some crops we grow are ideal for picking yourself! Check the whiteboard on the cooler door to learn what's available for PYO each week.
- a. **PYO hours are 8am-6pm, 7 days a week**

6. Safety

- a. We do our best to clean up after ourselves, but there may be tools and other farm equipment lying around. Please exercise caution around vehicles and watch your step to avoid injury! **The tractor can seriously injure you even when it's off—please do not touch without a farmer's supervision.**
- b. If needed, loaner sunscreen, hand sanitizer, and first aid supplies can be found in the purple barn near the cooler.
- c. During the COVID-19 crisis, we will adapt our masking and social distancing policies as the pandemic and CDC guidelines evolve.

7. Paying in two installments?

- a. If you're paying for your share in two installments, we ask that **your second installment be paid by June 1st**. This can be done either via check or credit card (online at www.astartefarm.com/csa). Shoot us an email if you're unsure whether or not you're paying in two installments.

8. Who is my on-farm contact?

- a. **Your on-farm contact will be Ellen—you can email her at**

ellen@astartefarm.com, or call (708) 502-0559, with any questions, requests, or concerns throughout the season.

We look forward to feeding you!