

# BASIC INFO FOR CSA MEMBERS (2011):

PARKING: Parallel park along Rachel Carson Way near the berry field entrance. DON'T park heading in toward the fence; if the grass is newly cut or wet, you may have trouble backing out again!

YOU'LL NEED TO READ posted information in order to know what to do. If you use reading glasses, don't leave them at home! Speaking of reading, please make a practice of reading the weekly e-mail updates, the cover sheet on the check-in binder, and any information posted on the whiteboard. Even if you read them last week or last year. Things change!

PICKING TIMES: 10 am to dusk on the first day of your picking window; dawn to dusk on the second.

BRING CONTAINERS to carry your fruit home. (Broad, shallow containers are good, so the fruit doesn't squash under its own weight. But lids are helpful, too.) Quart and pint berry baskets (in the big metal cans) are available for picking and measuring, but if you have to take them home, please return them next time for reuse.

THE OFFICAL KESTREL PERCH UNIT OF MEASUREMENT is the LEVEL quart. This means you could put a lid on the berry basket without squishing your fruit!

WEAR SHOES (preferably not sandals) in the berry field. Actually, it's pretty safe to go barefoot in the strawberry patch, but anywhere else in the field there are likely to be bees in the cover crops and stray thorny prunings lying around.

BATHROOM: There isn't one, really. *For pee emergencies only*, you may use the "grapevine tent" or any private spot in the hedgerow. The nearest actual bathrooms with toilet paper are the composting toilet outhouse at West Haven Farm (check out the camera obscura!) and in the EcoVillage First Neighborhood Common house.

WORKING MEMBERS: If you have a working membership, there are a number of ways to fulfill your 3-hour work commitment

-- Time-sensitive work projects are posted for each picking day -- just join in!

-- OR, In the member binder, there's a list of self-explanatory "anytime jobs" you can do whenever you want.

-- OR, save up your time for a work party.

-- OR, contact Katie to schedule an individual or family work session

Got a "REGULAR WORKING" share (3 hour work commitment)? Record your work time (in half-hour increments) on the check-in sheet.

Got a "FULL WORK" share? There's a separate work record section for you in the CSA binder.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE TO MISS A PICKING DATE:

RECOMMENDED PRACTICE: Plan in advance and find someone to pick your share for you. Please explain the check-in and picking procedures to your sub.

NOT-SO-RECOMMENDED, but worth a try in a pinch: SUNDAY is a possible make-up day for both picking groups. As long as the crop you missed is still in season, you may (attempt to) make up a missed picking on ANY SUNDAY. (Look up your picking quota for that week in the CSA binder; there's a section for "old cover sheets.") You take your chances if you choose this option -- depending on where we are in a crop's season, picking may be either great or terrible.