



# **TRACKING GARDEN HARVESTS**

Benefits and procedures to tracking your harvests

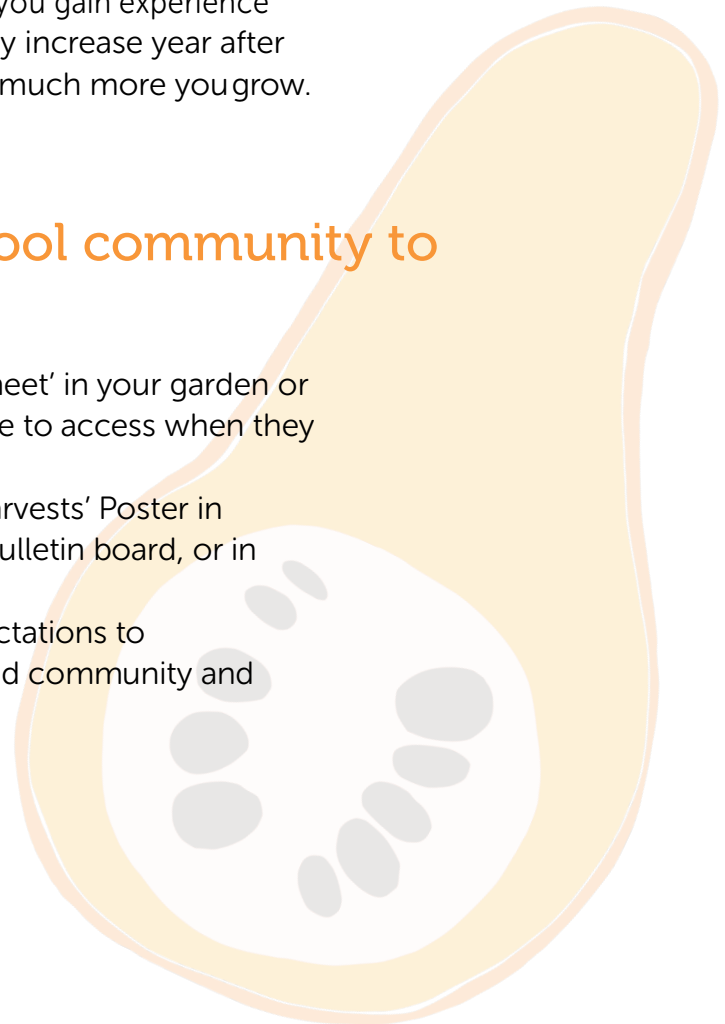
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## Benefits of tracking your harvests

1. **Understand how much your garden produces!** The amount of fruits and vegetables you grow in your Learning Garden can vary year to year, and each school will have harvest numbers that are unique to their garden. Tracking your harvests over the course of a growing season will enable you to better anticipate your harvests in future years.
2. **Share your accomplishments with your school and community!** School and community members love to see numbers related to weight of produce and students served! Think creatively about how and where to display this information at your school!
3. **Increase your harvests each year!** As you gain experience gardening, your harvests will most likely increase year after year. Track your harvests to see how much more you grow.

## Encourage your entire school community to track garden harvests:

1. **Post Big Green's 'Harvest Tracking Sheet'** in your garden or on a harvest bulletin board for anyone to access when they harvest.
2. **Display Big Green's 'We Track our Harvests' Poster** in your Learning Garden, on a harvest bulletin board, or in the teacher's kitchen or lounge.
3. **Communicate harvest tracking expectations** to participating classrooms, teachers, and community and family volunteers.





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## How To Track Your Harvests

The most accurate way of tracking your harvests is by weight. Individual vegetables will vary by size and shape, which can make quantifying harvests by a number of items a challenge. Our harvest form will ask you to submit your harvests quantified by either a weight (ounces or pounds) or a volume (cups or gallons). Please do your best to measure, or estimate your harvests by weight or volume - whichever is more accurate with the tools available to you.

All schools who participate in harvest tracking and submit their harvests to Big Green will receive a Harvest Summary Sheet at the end of each season. This Harvest Summary Sheet will show your harvest of each vegetable, where that food went, and how it was eaten!

Additionally, all schools who submit their harvest information will be entered to win one of several prizes which will be updated each season. This year, we will be raffling off a full [Kitchen Kit!](#)

Garden Teams can upload Harvest data to Big Green through the following link:  
[www.tinyurl.com/trackmyharvest](http://www.tinyurl.com/trackmyharvest)

Or this QR Code:



When submitting tracked harvests, our survey will prompt you to record your harvests by vegetable, amount, and unit. Each will offer you a drop-down menu of options.

Click [HERE](#) for more harvest guidance from our website!

**Help us track our gardens' harvests!**