

# Cosmic Apple Gardens

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## 2008 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Sign-up Sheet

### What is a CSA?

Households obtain a weekly share of vegetables via a membership. People eat seasonally fresh, local veggies by purchasing a membership to a farm before the season starts. The money allows the farm to purchase seeds, supplies, and make farm improvements. Time is also allowed for careful planning, a critical step in a farm's success. Membership fees help the farm operate all winter long. When the veggies are ripe, we harvest everything ready on a given day. To determine a "share" we weigh each item harvested and divide the total weight by the number of members getting a share that day. When a crop is plentiful all members benefit, if a crop fails, the loss is shared. A CSA program benefits the farmer and the consumer.

### How long is the season? What size share should I get?

Cosmic Apple Gardens CSA program is offering summer vegetable shares for the 12th year. The season is at least 16 weeks long, beginning in June. A full share provides weekly vegetables for two to four people. A half share is generally enough for 1-2 people. The share contains 5-10 different items, which vary with the season.

### What are my responsibilities?

Much hard work goes into growing, harvesting and preparing the shares. It is the responsibility of the shareholder to pick up their share at the designated day and time. If the share is not picked up in a timely manner, the share is forfeited. It is understood that due to the nature of farming, and the local climate, variety and quantity may vary. As the season progresses, more and more veggies are available.



**Please circle** your preference for pick-up day and time. This is the time and place you will pick your share up all season. We cannot guarantee your first choice. Locations and times are filled on a first come first serve basis. We will not hold your space until we receive payment. Sign-up early!

<b>Day:</b>	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
<b>Location:</b>	Old Journey School SOLD OUT!!!	East Meets West SOLD OUT!!!	Cosmic Apple Gardens SOLD OUT!!!
<b>Time:</b>	5-7 p.m.	5-7 p.m.	5-7 p.m.
<b>Day:</b>	Friday	Friday	Friday
<b>Location:</b>	Owen Bircher Park Fish Creek, Wilson	The Herb Store Deloney, Jackson	Cosmic Apple Gardens 850 S., Victor, ID
<b>Time:</b>	5-7 p.m.	5-7 p.m.	5-7 p.m.

**Important Notice:** If your share is not taken on the designated pick-up day and time you will forfeit your share for that week.

Postmarked by January 1<sup>st</sup>:.....  Full Share....\$450.00  
 Half Share...\$280.00

Postmarked between Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-Feb.29<sup>th</sup>:.....  Full Share.....\$505.00  
 Half Share....\$335.00

Postmarked after March 1<sup>st</sup>:.....  Full Share.....\$555.00  
 Half Share....\$385.00

Please consider donating to our Truck fund. If you are interested in Alternative fuels (100% Bio-diesel), Farmer safety (Seatbelts!), Clean Air (lower emissions), or Fresher veggies (Refrigeration unit). How about 10\$, 50\$ or even 100\$? Just add it to your check!

Primary Share Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your weekly newsletter e-mailed? Yes No

If you prefer a paper copy, how many copies do you need? 1 2 3 4

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your membership will be guaranteed when your first payment is cashable. Please send your non-refundable fee to Cosmic Apple Gardens. 30\$ return check fee.**

**To guarantee your membership, please send now.**

**Payment Plan:** You may pay in one-month intervals by sending all your pre-dated checks with your first payment. You may spread your payments out over a four-month period (two months for  $\frac{1}{2}$  shares). Write four checks (two checks for  $\frac{1}{2}$  shares) and send them with your sign-up sheet. Pre-date each check one month apart starting with the first of the month. Send all checks with your registration. Your first check must be cashable immediately.

Payment Plan check amounts: By Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-Full share \$112.50 X 4 Half share \$140 X 2  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>-Feb. 29-Full Share \$126.25 X 4 March 1<sup>st</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>-Full Share \$138.75 X 4  
Half Share \$167.50 X 2 Half Share \$192.50 X 2

**Splitting a full share:** We plan our drop-off points according to the number of people we expect to arrive, including parking, which is limited. When more people arrive than expected, it congests the scales, and makes your pick-up time longer. More importantly, when we bring items such as cabbage or head lettuce, full shares often receive one large head and half shares receive one small head. If you are splitting a full share please use a knife to split your share. It is the responsibility of the shareholder to take the correct amount of produce. To split a full share, follow these guidelines: Send only one person to the pick-up site. Split single items with a knife. Split your share away from the scales. If your co-shareholder wants an e-mailed newsletter please provide their e-mail address and name.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-shareholder's e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Save money!!!** We need your help. The shares will be bigger with a weeded garden. Get involved in your farm! **Please Circle one of the below options.**

1. **Yes, please call me** between June 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> to come weed for 5 hours. I will get a 50\$ voucher for 2009 or 50\$ meat/cheese \$. (Bring 2 people, weed for 2.5hrs, 5 people= 1hr. Get creative. Come when you want!)

2. **No thanks...**