



What We Do:

Flagstaff Foodlink is a nonprofit organization that works to creating greater access to local and healthy food to the residents of Flagstaff by making sure that food is affordable and easily obtainable.



What does it mean to Glean?

Part of how Flagstaff Foodlink achieves our goal is from gleaning. Gleaning is defined as the act of gathering fresh produce from farms, gardens, farmer's markets, grocers, restaurants, and even public and private trees that would otherwise go to waste. This food is then donated so that people can partake in healthy food.



But Why Glean?

Every year, over 100 billion pounds of food are thrown away in the United States.

Meanwhile there are 49 million people including 16 million who are children who are in need of food. This includes Flagstaff where up to 19.9 percent of people living in Coconino County are experiencing lack of food availability. This is why gleaning is important for combating food waste, because a portion of this wasted food goes back to the community.

What Can You Do?

Get into contact with local farmers markets and other merchandisers and ask about any excess or unwanted food they have. Often times food that is thrown out is just food that wasn't nice looking enough to be kept for sale but is still good to eat. Find out if there are any organizations near you who already have their own gleaning initiatives for others to get involved with.

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