

Vegelicious FAQs



- How much space do I need?

You need enough space to store the produce off of the ground, you can use upturned crates to raise the produce.

Nothing needs refrigerating. Ideally somewhere cool, particularly in the summer.

The photo shows an 800kg delivery, set out in two rows to allow volunteers to walk up and down and put bags together. You will need space to store the green crates until your next delivery when they will be collected by FareShare.

Most groups have a delivery in the afternoon for distribution the following day so produce isn't around for long.



- Do I get to choose the produce?

No. Our allocations team will put together a selection of all the fruit and veg available.

- What time will the delivery arrive?

We deliver throughout the day and we will agree a day and an approximate delivery time (morning or afternoon) with you. We will avoid school drop off and pick up times for safety.

- What size is the delivery and how is it packed?

These pictures show two views of the same 400kg order.

The produce will be in crates, boxes or sacks (eg potatoes), stacked on two or more pallets and wrapped for stability.



- What happens if I have a lot of waste?

There are a number of things to do depending on how much waste you have.

- Is your delivery too big?
- Are you putting bags together to make sure it is all distributed and people are trying everything?
- Are people choosing their own veg and leaving unfamiliar items behind?
- Do you have composting facilities on your site or do you know someone on a local allotment who would like veg for composting?
- Do you know any local farms or animal sanctuaries who would take spare veg? Talk to us, we have resources and ideas to help.

- Do I have to have it weekly?

No, you need to have a regular delivery but this can be weekly or fortnightly.

- Can I have it in term time only?

Yes

- How do I distribute it?

There are a lot of ways you can do this and it depends on your community but some suggestions include...

- Find some volunteers to help!
- Put the bags together in advance and limit people swapping unpopular or unfamiliar items.
- Encourage people to bring their own bags - they could drop them off before the produce is distributed or you could fill them as they arrive to collect. Volunteers can help make up bags prior to distribution or be making up boxes just ahead of collection to be placed into customer bags.

- Can I charge?

Yes! We suggest an 800kg delivery could make 100 bags of 8kg each (roughly a bag for life). You could sell these for £1 or £2 each.

- How much does it cost?

An 800kg delivery costs £100 and a 400kg costs £60. This includes delivery.

- How do I pay for it?

We can invoice you monthly.

- What are the requirements for joining FareShare?

You need to be a community organization (community centre, school, church etc). There is a membership form to complete (contact details, delivery address). Someone involved with the project needs to have a Food Hygiene Level 2 certificate and the premises needs to be registered with the EHO (this is free and easy to do online).

- Does it cost money to become a FareShare member?

No