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**Join the Growing Movement, Seed 2 Snack — Bonner County’s Gardeners Join Forces to Feed Kids and Neighbors This Summer**

**Sandpoint, ID – June 2025** – The Bonner Community Food Bank is proud to announce the return of its summer produce donation initiative: **Growing Movement,** **Seed 2 Snack**. This community-powered program invites local growers—whether backyard gardeners, schoolyard caretakers, or full-scale farmers—to donate fresh garden produce to support **Lake Pend Oreille School District’s Summer Meal Program** and the **Bonner Community Food Bank Market**.

“We know how much care and love our community puts into growing food,” said Ana Kampe, Program Coordinator. “Seed 2 Snack is a way to share that abundance with neighbors and children who rely on summer meal programs or need help filling their pantry.”

From now through the end of summer, donations can be delivered to the Bonner Community Food Bank at **1707 Culvers Dr., Sandpoint, ID 83864**, Monday through Friday, **8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**, where a staff member or volunteer will be on hand to receive them. A drop-off refrigerator is also available on the **south side of the building** for after-hours donations.

Participants are encouraged to **label their donations** with their garden or farm name (or remain anonymous) and may indicate whether they prefer the items go to the **Summer Meal Program** or the **Food Bank Market**. Staff will ensure that snackable produce like carrots, cherry tomatoes, and snap peas make it into kids’ lunchboxes, while cook-friendly items like eggplants and squash are distributed through the Food Bank Market.

**Suggested Donation Items Include:**

**For Summer Lunches:**
Carrots, snap peas, sweet peppers, blueberries, radishes, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, salad turnips, green beans

**For Food Bank Market:**
Eggplants, cauliflower, hot peppers, broccoli, herbs, large tomatoes, brBrussel sprouts, beets, winter squash, parsnips, onions

Whether you're growing one row or an entire field, your harvest can make a difference.

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