

Subject: Facility Gardens and/or Donated Fresh Produce

Reference: §483.60; F812; Becky Dorner Policy and Procedure Manual; Leading Age Kansas

Purpose: Food produced and harvested from facility gardens and produce donated from individuals will be safe for human consumption

Procedure:

1. Facility staff in charge of facility gardens will use fertilizers and pesticides according to their label parameters. Gardens will be maintained to keep food safe, including free from pests as much as possible, and using safe fertilizers, pesticides, and soil.
2. Garden foods will be harvested using safe food handling practices to mitigate the danger of food borne illness.
3. After harvesting, safe food handling practices will be followed for delivery to the kitchen.
4. The dietary staff will be responsible for handling harvested foods properly once they reach the kitchen. This includes safe storage, thorough cleaning, and appropriate handling for preparation, service, and storage of leftovers.
5. Produce donated by individuals shall be uncut/whole. It shall appear and smell of good quality. The individuals donating the produce shall assure the facility that the donated produce has met the pre-harvest interval between the last application of pesticide and the date of harvest, according to pesticide's labeling parameters. The facility shall thoroughly wash all produce prior to serving it.