



# Urban Fruit Mapping

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# Tree Registry: Why Map?

- Identify existing food resources
- Increase public access, awareness & involvement
- Provide framework for organized gleaning efforts
- Establish database for future project expansion



# Case Studies



## Map a Fruit Tree:

You are about to map a tree. Once mapped, the tree will appear on the [map display](#) of all trees.

\* Enter tree address, City and State

Go to address

\* type:



### About the City Fruit Mapping Tool:

- build community
- share urban orchards
- share harvests
- help policymakers

### Privacy Statement:

The tree location information you provide will be viewable to the public via the [tree map](#). Your personal contact information will only be used by City Fruit. Coalition members to contact you about services or fruit donation.



# Methodology

- Research
- Community Dialogue
- Field Work: Survey
- Data Assessment
- Mapping



"Vision: The Bellingham Food Project envisions a community in which neighbors work collaboratively and with the local food landscape to increase affordable access to fresh food, to empower and educate fellow citizens, to reduce food waste and pest problems, and to act as good stewards of local food resources."

# Community Food Map

## Caring for our fruit trees, a resource for the future

Fruit is a resource for our entire community. Every year hundreds of pounds of apples, plums, and pears fall to the ground and rot because most residential tree-owners can't use all of the fruit produced by their trees.

We are surveying Bellingham's neighborhoods in an effort to create a public document, showing the edible fruit and nut trees of our neighbor-

hoods. We noticed that you have a tree and would love to put it on the map!

Mapping of your tree does not entitle people to your fruit, though we do hope to tie this map with organized harvesting efforts in the future. If you would like more information please feel free to visit [www.bellinghamurbangardens.org](http://www.bellinghamurbangardens.org) or call (360)-610-3700



**Why Register?  
Why Gleaning?  
Why now?**

### Why?

--Every year hundreds of pounds of fruit goes to waste on the ground because homeowners can't--or don't-- use all of the fruit

--urban fruit trees are notorious for having preventable diseases, which can be dealt with by using natural solutions

--there are fellow citizens of Bellingham who have increasing need of a local food supply

--organized efforts are being created to help work with tree owners to provide them with information and resources to get their trees pruned, maintained, harvested and used

### The Future...

We are working collaboratively with Small Potatoes Gleaning Effort, Bellingham Urban Garden Syndicate (BUGS) and the Center for Local Self-Reliance (CLSR) as we create this community resource. In the future we hope to create neighborhood groups to organize grass-roots efforts to prune, maintain, and revitalize our neighborhoods fruit trees. Most importantly we plan to organize gleaning efforts and get the food to people who need and want it. For more information contact Nick Spring at (360)-610-3700 to learn how to get involved. We hope to be working with you in the future.

## Community Food Map Questionnaire

*By creating a public, online map of tree fruit and edible plants in our community, we hope to increase our neighbors' ability to obtain fresh healthy food, prevent food waste and its accompanying sanitation concerns, and raise awareness of the potential of Bellingham's urban food resources.*

### Tree Details:

Type of Tree	Variety	Age	Height (dwarf, 1/2/3 stories)	Health (excellent, good, bad)	Diseases/worms	Produces Fruit? When?	Last Pruned?
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							

**Tree Location (circle or mark with tree number):** *Front yard / Back yard / Parking Strip / Alley / Side of house (N S E W)*

*Gated?*  *Gated?*

**Accessibility (5= 360° access, no slope, low-hanging fruit; 1 = almost no access (base obstructions, slope, high branches):** 1 2 3 4 5

### Owner Info:

*Name:*

*Address:*

*Email or preferred contact:*

### Owner Preferences (check):

- Wants tree on public map*
- Does not want tree on public map*
- Interested in having tree gleaned (give them Small Potatoes info)*
- Ok to follow up with them (for gleaning purposes or with other info)*

Notes:

# Fruit Tree Locations





# Collaboration and community development



The future is anyone's guess?

A well designed system for effectively managing this resource is not only important, it is necessary.

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# The Future



City Wide Venture



No Food Wasted



Educational and community events



Effective resource management



Pruning and maintenance assistance



Edible landscapes



Urban Food Forest



Local food