



Chicago FarmWorks' Supplies Wish List

Thank you for your interest in purchasing critical supplies for Chicago FarmWorks. This list outlines some of the items our farms need this year to better carry out our mission of providing fresh, healthy food to community members who need it most.

Shipping Instructions

Step 1: We receive our packages at The Center for Green Technology. Please address and ship all items to:

*Chicago FarmWorks
445 N Sacramento Blvd,
Chicago, IL 60612*

If you'd prefer to purchase and drop items off yourself, you can reach out to us to schedule a drop off so we can ensure a member of staff is on-site to receive the package from you.

Step 2: Please email us at farmworksvolunteers@heartlandhumancareservices.org and let us know the items are coming. Please also forward the shipping notice from the vendor that includes the tracking number, so we know when the package has arrived for us to pick up. Otherwise, we might miss it!

Step 3: We want to thank you personally for your in-kind donation. Please include your full name and home address in your Step 2 email, and we will send you a thank you note. If you need a donation receipt, please let us know so we can get that to you.

- Prices for listed items are subject to change. Prices updated as of February 2026.

\$500 - \$1000:

- Silage tarps** are large, black plastic tarps used to cover whole blocks of our farm that contain our crop rows. Covering these blocks with a silage tarp is an effective method of suppressing weeds and killing weed seeds until we are ready to plant our crops. These tarps are also used to protect the soil in the crop rows from eroding in winter.

• Silage Tarp 50' x 100'	Amazon	\$700 (Includes taxes and fees)
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- Lawn Mowers** help us maintain the spaces around our farm where we are unable to grow food or native habitat. We are also required by the city to keep grass areas short and free of tall weeds to avoid expensive fines.

• Toro Recycler 22-in Gas Self-propelled Lawn Mower	Lowes Item # 6509029	\$600.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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\$250 - \$500:

- Insect Netting** is a protective fabric that we put over our grow beds during the season to keep pests from damaging or destroying our crops before we can harvest them.

• Insect Netting	Johnny's Product ID: 7230	\$500 (Includes taxes and fees)
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- A Broad Fork** is a tool we use to help aerate the soil in our crop rows before planting. Aerated soil helps plants develop stronger root systems that can uptake more nutrients from the soil to produce healthier fruit.

• Johnny's 727 Broad Fork	Johnny's Selected Seeds Product ID:9677.0	\$340 (Includes taxes and fees)
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- Organic Pesticides** help us to protect our crops from insects and diseases that damage and destroy the plants before we are able to harvest them.

• PyGanic – 1 Qt.	Johnny's Product ID: 9532	\$275.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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6. Utility carts help us safely transport multiple trays of seedlings around our farm. They are also used as additional shelf space inside the greenhouse where we can house and care for trays of newly seeded crops while we wait for them to germinate.

• Chrome Wire Utility carts	Uline Model #H-9904	\$260 (Includes taxes and fees)
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\$100 - \$250:

7. Salad Spinners are tools we use to clean and process our harvested cut greens, like lettuce and spinach, before we deliver them to our food pantry partners.

• Salad Spinner 5 Gallon	Johnnys Product ID: 9000	\$250.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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8. A Delivery Dolly is an item that will allow us to transport multiple crates at a time when delivering our produce to our community partners, which will save us time and a lot of physical labor.

• Standard Hand Truck	Uline Model #: H-1054	\$250 (Includes taxes and fees)
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9. Wheelbarrows are one of the star tools of the farm. We use them to haul compost to our crop beds, mulch our native flower beds, haul weeds away, and so much more! Because we use them so often, some of ours have started to break down over the years and need to be replaced.

• Wheelbarrow	Lowes Item #5102481	\$180 (Includes taxes and fees)
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10. Collapsible Harvest Crates are tools we use to hold produce as we harvest it from the field, as well as store produce for delivery to our food pantry partners. This is an

ongoing need, since we need to replace most of our existing crates from years of wear and tear.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collapsible Crates (3 pack) 	Uline: Model # S-10715BL	\$160 (Includes taxes and fees)
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11. Irrigation Drip Tape is a crucial material used in our irrigations system. These long hollow plastic tubes are installed directly onto each grow bed on our farm to deliver water straight to the roots of our crops.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Drip Tape 	DripWorks Part #: TAZ1508L	\$160 (Includes taxes and fees)
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12. Bed preparation rakes and row markers used together help us to smooth the soil for seeding and mark evenly spaced rows for more effective planting. Spacing is crucial because plants that are spaced too close can suffocate and/or compete with one another for nutrients. Plants spaced too far mean we get less crops planted per bed than what the bed can hold. This tool helps us find the sweet spot!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed Preparation Rake 2.75" • Row Markers 	Johnnys Product ID:7156 Johnnys Product ID: Product ID:9867	\$160 (Includes taxes and fees)
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13. Peas and Oats Mix is used as a cover crop on grow beds we are resting or retiring during the season. This means we don't harvest the crop but instead use it to suppress weeds, improve soil health, and protect our grow beds from soil erosion until we are ready to plant a harvest crop in it again.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peas and Oats Mix 50lbs 	Johnny's Product ID: 3685G	\$150.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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14. A Washdown Gun is attached to the end of a hose to help us more effectively and efficiently clean soil off the root vegetables we've harvested before delivering them to our food pantry partners. Washing produce is one of the most time-consuming parts of the harvest process and having this tool will save us precious time we can spend on other important tasks.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washdown Gun 	Johnnys Product ID:7780	\$140 (Includes taxes and fees)
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\$100 or less:

15. Agribon Row Cover Fabric is put over our grow beds during the early spring and late fall months to protect our crops from frost and cold temperatures.

• Agribon Row Covers	Johnny's Product ID: 9066	\$100.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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16. Backpack IPM sprayers help us to walk our farm rows and deliver key nutrients to our plants that will help them grow stronger. We also use these to spray organic solutions, such as neem oil and garlic, onto our plants to protect them from pests.

• Backpack IPM sprayer	Johnny's Product ID: 9896	\$150 (Includes taxes and fees)
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17. Triangle Hoe with its unique triangular blade design, offers increased flexibility for removing weeds between plants without disturbing their roots.

• Triangle Hoe 6" head	A.M Leanord's Garden Edge SKU AM60S	\$100 (Includes taxes and fees)
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18. Weed Suppression Fabric is used on individual crop rows to suppress weeds. This allows us to target specific beds that need extra help throughout the season.

• Weed Suppression Fabric	Amazon ASIN # B0FQHTSCRW	\$80.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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19. Heavy Duty Tarps will allow us to cover our freshly delivered compost pile to keep it dry when it rains and keep it from eroding. We can also use these to cover our wheelbarrows to protect them from the elements that cause rust.

• 12 ft. x 20 ft. Silver Heavy Duty Tarp	Lowes Item #4771506	\$80.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
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20. Tine Weeding Rake is a versatile gardening tool designed for efficiently removing weeds, loosening soil, and aerating the ground. Featuring a set of long, thin, and closely spaced tines, it easily slides through the soil to pull up weeds by the roots while minimizing disruption to surrounding plants.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tine Weeding Rake 	<p>Johnnys Product ID:7407</p>	<p>\$70.00 (Includes taxes and fees)</p>
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21. A post driver is needed to insert metal stakes into the ground along our crop rows. We use these stakes to trellis our tomatoes, cucumbers, and other vegetables that need a little extra support during the season to thrive.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vevor Post Driver 	<p>Lowes Item #7999912 </p>	<p>\$65.00 (Includes taxes and fees)</p>
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22. Precision Hoes small, thin design allows us carefully target weeds growing close to our crops. We use this tool for precise weeding around crops such as garlic, whose underground roots systems and bulbs can be damaged by larger weeding tools.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precision Hoe 	<p>Johnny's Produce ID: 9546.0</p>	<p>\$65.00 (Includes taxes and fees)</p>
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23. Handheld Garden Dibble is a compact, ergonomic tool used for making small, precise holes in soil. It is ideal for planting seeds, bulbs, or young plants. The dibble allows gardeners to create evenly spaced planting holes with minimal effort, ensuring proper depth for successful growth.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handheld Garden Dibble 	<p>Johnnys Product ID:9597</p>	<p>\$60.00 (Includes taxes and fees)</p>
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24. Hand Pruners are multipurpose tools we use for harvesting, processing, pruning, and so much more! This is an ongoing need, since most of our pruners need to be replaced from years of wear and tear.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handheld Garden Dibble 	<p>Johnnys Product ID: 9225.0</p>	<p>\$60.00 (Includes taxes and fees)</p>
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23. Organic Pesticides help us to protect our crops from insects and disease that damage and destroy the plants before we are able to harvest them.

• Copper Fungicide	Johnny's Product ID: 9371	\$35.00 (Includes taxes and fees)
• Monterey BT	Lowe's Item #1065767	\$30.00 (Includes taxes and fees)