

## HOMEOWNER GUIDELINES FOR DONATING CITRUS

Citrus gleaning is a long-standing program for United Food Bank and provides a great opportunity to qualified homeowners to donate their excess ripe fruit while helping hungry people. One of the most important aspects of gleaning is that we receive **only** ripe, edible citrus. **Fruit donated to United Food Bank must be quality-inspected prior to donation. Please contact the food bank to schedule a volunteer or staff member to inspect the quality of your fruit to ensure fruit maturity, sweetness and citrus variety. A citrus donor form must be submitted at [www.unitedfoodbank.org/getting-involved/citrus-gleaning/](http://www.unitedfoodbank.org/getting-involved/citrus-gleaning/) prior to donation.**

United Food Bank will have large bin and pallet sets available for citrus donors who will glean their own trees. Each bin is available for a non-refundable fee of \$10. Each bin holds the fruit from 2-3 average grapefruit trees and 4-5 orange trees. Bin fees can be paid by calling (480) 926-4897. Once bin fees have been paid, the homeowner will be contacted to arrange for pickup or delivery. The homeowner should contact the food bank 72 hours prior to picking their fruit to set up pick-up. Citrus donation pick-ups should be scheduled no later than 24 hours after harvesting (48 hours if picked on a Saturday).

### Citrus Donor Responsibilities Prior to Harvesting / Gleaning Citrus:

- PICK UP ALL ANIMAL DEPOSITS FROM THE ROCKS/LAWN!
- The pallets and bins the fruit will go into can be set up by you; however, it **CANNOT** be set-up on gravel, grass, dirt or the sidewalk. Our drivers will not be able to pick it up.
- The bin must remain in front of the property, either in the driveway or in the street in front of the house.
- The bin must remain centered on the pallet. If it is not, fruit will have to be transferred to a new bin before we can pick it up.
- **Please do not** donate fruit that is unripe/overripe or smaller than UFB specifications.

### United Food Bank will be unable to accept citrus donations if:

- Tree(s) have been exposed to chemical sprays.
- Fruit is soft to the touch
- Fruit is cracked; the skin has been broken or torn
- Fruit is discolored
- Fruit has mold on either the interior or exterior of the fruit

### Examples of Unusable Fruit



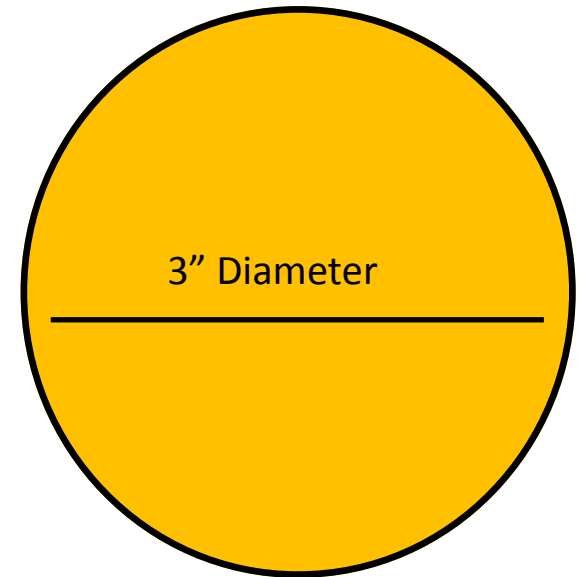
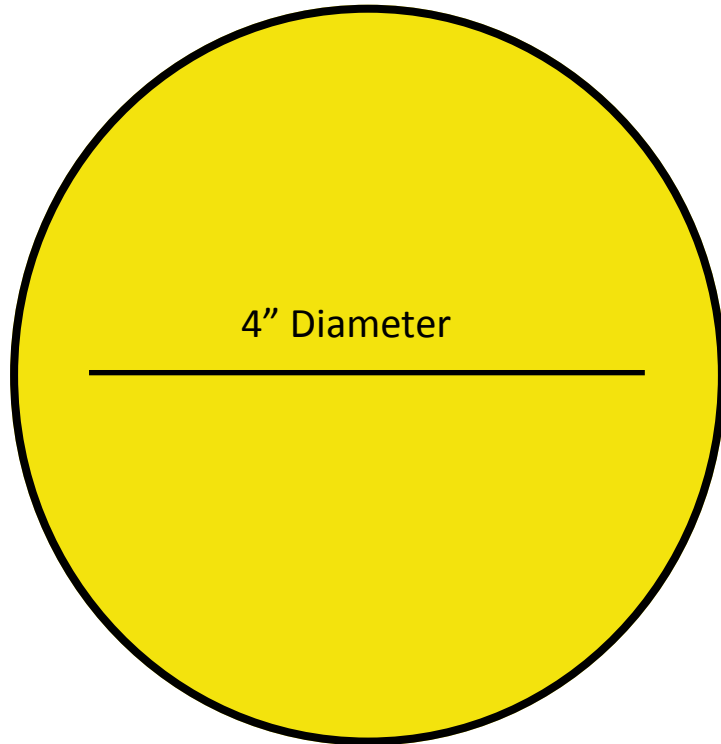
### Dispose of Your Fruit Properly (these are not endorsements)

All American Waste Service	Waste Management	Red Mountain Rubbish Removal	City of Mesa Solid Waste
480-830-9195	480-357-7280	480-854-9009	480-644-2688

## GRAPEFRUIT

### United Food Bank Citrus Size Donation Guidelines

## ORANGE



**Fruit must be at least as big as the template, or bigger, to be donated. Fruit smaller than template is too small and cannot be donated.**

## TANGERINE

## LEMON

