

# Gorge Grown Food Network Veggie Rx FAQ – For Farmers Market Vendors

## What is the Veggie Prescription (Rx) Program?

Gorge Grown's Veggie Rx is a fruit and vegetable prescription program designed to address food insecurity and increase intake of fresh produce. The program empowers healthcare and social service providers to 'prescribe' vouchers to community members who screen positive for food insecurity (hunger). Vouchers can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers markets and grocery stores.

## Where can the Veggie Rx prescriptions be redeemed?

The Veggie Rx vouchers will be available year round. Vouchers can be used to at farmers markets and eligible grocery stores. Grocery stores will only be able to accept Veggie Rx October – May.

## What can people buy with Veggie Rx scrip?

They can buy any fresh, whole fruit or vegetable. They are NOT good for any processed foods (prepared salads, frozen vegetables, cut up fruit, etc.)

## Can I give change for Veggie Rx Vouchers?

No. Please work with the customer to get the full value of their vouchers. Example: if a customer gives you a \$4 in vouchers for a \$3 kale bunch, consider giving them something else in addition. Recall that participants are experiencing food insecurity (hunger).

## Do the vouchers expire?

Yes, the scrip expire every two months. Please check the expiration date and do not accept expired scrip. Let folks using expired scrip know they may be able to get current vouchers at their clinic or health department.



## How do I get reimbursed for the Veggie Rx scrip that I receive?

You get reimbursed by Gorge Grown Food Network. If you are at a Gorge Grown Farmers Market, you can turn them into the manager at the info booth. Other farmers markets may be able to directly reimburse you, please check with the market staff. If not, please mail them to: Gorge Grown/ Veggie Rx PO Box 752, Hood River OR 97031. Vouchers should be sent for reimbursement no later than 10 days after the expiration date.

## MORE QUESTIONS??

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