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## Garden on the Go Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### What is Garden on the Go?

Garden on the Go is a year-round mobile produce truck providing fresh, affordable fruits and vegetables to neighborhoods in “food deserts” throughout Marion County, Indiana. The program is sponsored by Indiana University Health. [Green B.E.A.N. Delivery](#), one of the largest produce/grocery home delivery services in the tri-state area, is contracted to manage operations.

### Why is IU Health providing this service?

IU Health is committed to lowering the risk for obesity and other diet-related chronic illnesses, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer, in the communities it serves.

Less than 25 percent of Marion County residents eat the recommended daily amount of fruits and vegetables, which contributes to Indiana’s high rates of obesity for both adults and adolescents. For many Hoosiers, not eating fresh fruits and vegetables isn’t a choice but rather a consequence of not having access to fresh and affordable produce. Garden on the Go will improve access to produce and help to address the related public health challenges.

### What is a “food desert?”

A “food desert” is defined as an area that lacks access to affordable, healthy food. The USDA notes 68 percent of individuals in low-income neighborhoods live in “food deserts.” These individuals are more apt to consume fast and frozen foods because fresh fruits and vegetables are out of reach.

### When and where will Garden on the Go be selling produce?

Garden on the Go begins regular service in May 2011. The truck operates Wednesday - Saturday, year-round, at 12 locations including several senior and public housing facilities. See schedule below.

#### Wednesday Stops

10:30 a.m. 501 N. East St. #A (John J. Barton Annex)  
1:30 p.m. 901 Fort Wayne Ave. (Lugar Tower Apartments)  
4:30 p.m. 825 Indiana Ave. (Indiana Avenue Apartments)

#### Thursday Stops

10:30 a.m. 2420 E. Riverside Dr. (Riverside Aquatic Center - back lot)  
1:30 p.m. 3000 block of N. Concord Court (N. Concord Court & Goodlet Ave.)  
4:30 p.m. 1802 W. Morris St. (Across from Billy’s Food Pantry)

#### Friday Stops

10:30 a.m. 3091 Baltimore Ave. (Blackburn Terrace)  
1:30 p.m. 2300 block of N. Kenwood Ave. (W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. & N. Kenwood Ave.)  
4:30 p.m. 517 W. 30<sup>th</sup> St. (Northside New Era Baptist Church parking lot)

#### Saturday Stops

10:30 a.m. 1900 block of Woodlawn Ave. (Woodlawn Ave. & S. Randolph St.)  
1:30 p.m. 300 block of N. Beville Ave. (In front of Beville Park)  
4:30 p.m. 400 block of N. Oakland Ave. (E. Michigan St. & N. Oakland Ave.)

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**How did IU Health choose these stops for Garden on the Go?**

We looked at poverty density data as well as areas defined as “food deserts” to determine those neighborhoods most in need.

**How does Garden on the Go work?**

Garden on the Go stops and parks at the locations mentioned above. Shoppers board the truck and select the produce they intend to purchase. Shoppers can pay for their produce with cash, credit card, or SNAP/EBT.

**Can anyone buy produce from the truck?**

Yes, anyone can purchase produce from Garden on the Go.

**How much will Garden on the Go produce cost?**

The produce offered by Garden on the Go will be affordably priced for the neighborhoods it serves.

**Can communities request that the truck come to their neighborhood?**

At this time, the Garden on the Go route has been determined. Interested customers may visit any of our twelve convenient locations.

**Where will the produce come from?**

Produce will come from Green B.E.A.N. Delivery’s local and regional suppliers.

**What kind of produce will be on the truck?**

The kind of produce available will vary by season, but shoppers can expect to see everything from apples to zucchini.

**Are there other programs like Garden on the Go?**

Garden on the Go was modeled after similar year-round programs in Albany, NY and Detroit, MI. It is the first program of its kind led by a healthcare organization.

**Where can I learn more about Garden on the Go?**

More information on Garden on the Go is available at [iuhealth.org/gardenonthego](http://iuhealth.org/gardenonthego).