



Pumpkin Collection Quick Planning Guide

Hosting a pumpkin collection is easier than you might think. PFP will help you coordinate the details—the key is to identify when, where, who will help, how the pumpkins will get there, and who will receive them.

Audience: Individuals, HOAs, businesses, corporations, scouting groups, schools, places of worship, restaurants, food banks, etc.

1. PICK A DATE & TIME

Choose a collection date and a 2–3-hour drop-off window.

Recommended: Weekends between November 1 and December 21. Choose your date by September 30 so there is time to promote it.

2. PICK A DROP-OFF LOCATION

Choose where people will bring their pumpkins—a business, parking lot, school, church, community center, HOA area, farm, or even one or two homes for a neighborhood collection.

3. CHOOSE A DONATION SITE

Decide where the pumpkins will ultimately go. Search the PFP directory and find one that works for you. Don't see one? [Contact PFP](#) to help identify and coordinate with a participating farm, sanctuary, rescue, or other Pumpkin Partner. The receiving site needs to know approximately how much you expect to collect and what types of donations it can accept.

4. FIGURE OUT TRANSPORTATION

Plan how the collection will get from your drop-off location to the Pumpkin Partner. Smaller collections may only need a few volunteers with SUVs, minivans, or pickup trucks. Larger collections may require donated transportation or a rental truck. Plan transportation in advance.

5. GET YOUR PEOPLE – 2 for 2

Plan for 2 people for every 2 hours at the collection site to greet donors and inspect donations, plus drivers/transporters and someone to take photos or video. Check donations to make sure they are not moldy or rotting and do not contain glitter, gemstones, or other decorations. PFP provides volunteer guidance, release forms, and donor sign-up materials.

6. PROMOTE YOUR COLLECTION

Once your date, time, and location are set, PFP will help create co-branded promotional materials. Share them through social media, HOA/neighborhood communications,



newsletters, schools, libraries, businesses, farms, and community groups. Start promoting 4–8 weeks before your event.

7. COLLECT & PHOTOGRAPH

Collect: Welcome donors, inspect donations, and keep the collection organized.

Photograph: Capture volunteers, donors, the growing collection, and—if possible—the delivery.

8. DELIVER DONATIONS

Transport the pumpkins to the coordinated Donation Site. Celebrate: Share your impact, tag @pumpkinsforpigs, and send photos to PFP.

Final Note: You don't have to figure it all out yourself. Once you have the basics identified, PFP will work with you on the details, connect you with a Donation Site, provide promotional materials and volunteer guidance, and help make your collection a success.