

# PIKE BOX

## Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) from Pike Place Market

### What is the Pike Box CSA program?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, a partnership between farmers and consumers. The Pike Box CSA is a partnership in which members sign up for a season's worth of fresh, local produce that is sourced from our Pike Place Market farmers. The produce is packed by Pike Place Market staff and volunteers, and then conveniently delivered to participating offices, work places, or community centers each week. The program supports local farmers in growing their businesses by opening additional sales channels, connecting them with new customers, allowing them to experiment with new crops and varieties, and more.

### What is new this season?

We are doing our best to adapt to this changing landscape, while maintaining support for Pike Place farmers by offering this weekly sales channel. However, this season will look different than past seasons.

- We will be offering 3 short seasons instead of the usual 20 week season. This will allow us to be flexible and make changes when necessary, as well as allow for flexibility of our members. We will start with one 10 week Summer Season June 17<sup>th</sup>, take a week break the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>, and return for another 8 week Fall Season. When that ends in October we will take two weeks off before the last 2 extra large Fall Harvest Season weeks. Members will have the chance to continue with the program or not each season.
- Since the seasons are shorter we will not have a monthly payment option. Payment for each season will be due at sign up. That said please contact us if you feel that will make your decision to sign up harder, and we can workout a payment plan that works for us all.
- There will be no deliveries in downtown Seattle. All shares will be picked up at Pike Place. We have loved delivering to your office buildings, but made the decision to keep them all in one place this year.
- There will be no add-on store items available.
- Pick up will look different. We are used to outdoor gatherings, farmers being present, extra add-on items, music and hot food, but this year we are working to keep our community safe and will be taking precautions to minimize exposure of our staff, and CSA members. When you sign up we will be sending a follow up email with instructions for safe and distanced pick up.
- We would like to acknowledge the fact that at any point, we could be forced to cancel for any amount of time in accordance with public health recommendations and with our staff's health in mind. If we need to cancel any amount of week's shares you will be refunded the full amount for those cancelled shares.

### How long is the Pike Box season?

This year Pike Box has three separate seasons: Summer, Fall and Fall Harvest. Customers may sign up for one, two or all three.

- Summer season is 10 weeks: June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Fall season is 8 weeks: September 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Fall Harvest is 2 weeks: November 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

### Where is the produce coming from?

The produce comes from Pike Place Market farmers. Since we have farmers from all over the state of Washington, your basil may be from Fall City while your tomatoes may be from Sunnyside. Pike Place farmers have to grow everything they bring to their tables at Pike Place. That means if you can't grow it in Washington, you won't see it in your Pike Box.

### **Is all of the produce organic?**

No. However, several of our farmers are certified organic, and a majority of the others grow to organic standards but are not certified, or use "no spray" techniques to manage their crops.

### **What will I get each week?**

We have a projection for what will be in each week's share; however, there are many variables involved with growing and harvesting each crop, and sometimes we will not be able to include an item that we had planned for. On Monday each week we will email a forecast of what will be in that week's share, but that list is subject to change. We will always try to include the following in each box: fruit, a few staples (ie carrots, onions, garlic, potatoes, etc.), a leafy green, and other vegetables or herbs. Our goal is to provide a mix of familiar and loved crops as well as some new and exciting varieties. You will also receive a weekly "Fresh Sheet" that showcases recipes, storage tips, and easy preparation ideas to help make the most of your fruits and vegetables.

There are two different share sizes available. The **Full Share** contains 7-8 produce items, at least two of which are fruit. This share feeds 1-2 people who frequently eat fresh produce during the summer and fall, or a household of 3 or more that eats a moderate amount of produce. The **Half Share** contains 4 produce items, with usually one of these being fruit. This share feeds 1-2 people who eat a moderate amount of produce.

### **What will it cost?**

In an effort to make our CSA affordable for everyone, we offer a few price options based on members' financial situations and access to resources. The prices below are for the full 10 weeks, paid up front.

#### **Summer Share – 10 weeks**

**Option 1:** Households that are able to pay full price:

Full Share - **\$270 (\$27/box)**

Half Share - **\$150 (\$15/box)**

Consider this option if you own the home you live in; have investments, retirement accounts, or inherited money; travel recreationally; have access to family money and resources in time of need; work part time, by choice; or have a relatively high degree of earning power due to level of education or privilege.

**Option 2:** Households that experience food insecurity:

Full Share – **discounted rate; flexible payment plan**

Half Share – **discounted rate; flexible payment plan**

Consider this option if you qualify for SNAP benefits, are supporting children or have other dependents, have significant debt, have medical expenses not covered by insurance, are a student, receive public assistance, have immigration-related expenses, or are a senior citizen. If you would like to select this option at sign up please contact The Market Commons at

[marketcommons@pikeplacemarket.org](mailto:marketcommons@pikeplacemarket.org).

#### **Fall Share – 8 weeks**

**Option 1:** Households that are able to pay full price:

Full Share - **\$216 (\$27/box)**

**Half Share - \$120 (\$15/box)**

Consider this option if you own the home you live in; have investments, retirement accounts, or inherited money; travel recreationally; have access to family money and resources in time of need; work part time, by choice; or have a relatively high degree of earning power due to level of education or privilege.

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**Fall Harvest – 2 weeks (extra large box containing 12-15 items)**

**Option 1:** Households that are able to pay full price:

Full Share - **\$80 (\$40/box)**

Consider this option if you own the home you live in; have investments, retirement accounts, or inherited money; travel recreationally; have access to family money and resources in time of need; work part time, by choice; or have a relatively high degree of earning power due to level of education or privilege.

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**What about add-ons?**

No add-ons will be offered in 2020

**Can I substitute or change any of the items in my box?**

Members are not able to substitute or make changes to box contents. We try very hard to create shares that are versatile and appeal to people with different preferences. If there is a vegetable that you simply don't enjoy, share with your friend, neighbor, or fellow CSA member. We hope that you'll welcome the mix of staples and new, exciting vegetables, and perhaps find a new favorite!

**How is my box delivered each week?**

Each week's selection of fresh produce will be packed into a reusable wax box that is lined with a compostable or plastic liner. The liner allows us to reuse the wax boxes by keeping produce from coming into contact with the box itself (it also helps keep the produce crisp). Reusing the boxes helps us keep costs low (so we can focus on the fresh produce inside the box), lower our impact on the environment, and reduce waste over all. To make traveling home with your produce more convenient, we recommend that you bring a reusable grocery bag each week when you pick up your

share. We also ask that you break down your box after getting your produce and leave it in your pick-up location. The Pike Box team will pick up the empty boxes so that we can reuse them for your next share!

**I can't pick up my box next week. What will happen to it?**

If you can't pick up your box during the designated time frame, we recommend that you ask a friend to pick it up for you. Shares that are unaccounted at the end of pickup will be delivered to the Pike Place Food Bank.

**How do I sign up?**

You can sign up for the Pike Box CSA by visiting our website: <http://pikeplacemarket.org/PikeBox>

**Can I cancel my share or get a refund?**

Cancellations are not available after the enrollment deadline. Refunds are not available after payment has been submitted.

**Thank you for your interest in the Pike Box CSA! We look forward to connecting you with farmers across Washington State and providing you with delicious produce this summer!**