

How to Implement the Charter

Individuals and Families



Show your support

- Visit fpa.simcoe.ca/signthecharter to sign the Charter and register your support of the vision and principles within.
- Make a commitment to do at least one new thing this year that will support the principle(s) in the Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter, see our online Idea Bank for suggestions (coming soon).
- Visit the Food Partners Alliance website often for community news and upcoming events, fpa.simcoe.ca.

Share your food-skills knowledge

- Include family or friends when cooking or baking, especially young or inexperienced home cooks. Not only does it provide a fun chance to bond, but it provides a valuable opportunity to share knowledge and build skills.
- Make a family recipe book. Every family has a history with plenty of culturally relevant recipes or tasty new creations. Putting these recipes together in a book or recipe box is a great way to preserve family history and pass along skills.
- Are you an accomplished home cook with years of experience? Consider volunteering at your local church or community centre to start-up or teach a cooking class.

Make a commitment to purchasing fresh local foods.

- Explore the farmers' markets, farm gates, and local food shops in your area.
- Visit www.simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca and click on Food Route to discover the local food retailers nearest you.
- If you're looking for something fun to do, attend the local fairs and food festivals to learn more about local food and agriculture, and to shop local vendors.
- Talk to your local grocer, or petition the grocery chain and urge them to carry more foods grown in Simcoe County, especially when in season. Encourage them to label and promote local foods grown in Simcoe County.
- Write letters to businesses, organizations and institutions advocating for the importance of offering local food.

Volunteer time or donate resources

- Volunteer your time in classrooms, community centres, local churches, community gardens, or with various clubs and associations—share your skills in cooking, baking, gardening, composting, farming, environmental preservation or other relevant fields.

Sharing your knowledge and skills is not only personally rewarding, but it provides valuable community skill-building.

- If you're an avid vegetable gardener and have an excess of produce, consider donating the excess to a local food bank, food pantry, or grocery assistance program. Visit www.foodinsimcoecounty.ca or call 211 to learn more about food services in your area.
- Keep good programs going by making a financial contribution of any size to a local school food program, grocery assistance program, or a club or association that supports the principles outlined in the Charter.