



Tax-Smart Giving Guide

Smart strategies to maximize the impact of your generosity

Thank you for believing in the Edible Prairie Project's mission. Your support is closing the food insecurity gap in Campbell County, WY. To help your generosity go even further, we've outlined a few smart giving strategies below. **This guide is yours to keep** as a reference for future giving, not just to EPP, but to any nonprofit you wish to support.

STRATEGY 01

Gifts of Stock or Appreciated Assets

Donating appreciated securities held over one year lets you **avoid capital gains tax** and deduct the full market value of the asset from your taxable income, so 100% of your gift goes to the nonprofit. This makes it a win-win: more impact for the cause, and a stronger deduction for you.

THE BENEFIT	Avoid capital gains tax on appreciated assets held over one year, and deduct the full market value if you itemize. Deductions for gifts of appreciated stock to public charities are generally limited to 30% of your adjusted gross income, with any excess carried forward for up to five years.
AT EPP	EPP has partnered with Every.org to accept stock donations. Learn more via our Donate page or give directly at Donate Stock to EPP .

STRATEGY 02

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

Age 70½ or older? You can transfer money directly from your IRA to a nonprofit, up to an annual limit set by the IRS and adjusted for inflation, **without having to report it as taxable income**.

THE BENEFIT	Lowers your taxable income and can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Because the gift is excluded from income, it can't also be claimed as a charitable deduction. Check IRS.gov for the current year's limit.
AT EPP	Give a QCD through your IRA online , or ask your IRA custodian to send a direct transfer or a check payable to Edible Prairie Project. Tax ID (EIN): 83-3655451.

STRATEGY 03

Grants from Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

Have a Donor Advised Fund? Recommend grants to any nonprofit at any time, giving you **flexibility and control** over your philanthropic impact. Claim your tax deduction when you fund the DAF, then grant to causes on your own timeline.

ONLINE	Visit our Donate page and select "Donor advised fund (DAF pay)" as your payment method.
BY CHECK	If you prefer to grant directly through your DAF provider, simply request a check payable to Edible Prairie Project and mail it to us. Your DAF administrator can provide the exact process for your fund.

Whether it's a weekend food bag for a child, a basket of fresh veggies, or seeds to grow a garden at home, together, we can make a difference.

Please consult your financial planner or tax advisor to determine the best option for you.

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