

# Naples Botanical GARDEN

**For Immediate Release**

## **Increasing access to fresh produce for Collier families**

**Naples Botanical Garden partners with Brighter Bites on food distribution this summer**

**NAPLES, FL – July 15, 2020** – Starting at 9:30am on Thursday, July 16, members of the nonprofit Brighter Bites will distribute boxes of fresh produce at no cost from the parking lot of Naples Botanical Garden. The partnership will continue weekly at the same time on July 23, 30, and August 6. There are no requirements for obtaining produce from this program; approximately 850 boxes are distributed each week on a first-come, first-served basis.

For families in need of access to fresh produce, Brighter Bites offers a valuable resource. By partnering with produce suppliers who donate fresh fruits and vegetables to Brighter Bites food banks in Southwest Florida, as well as in several states throughout the US, parents can offer fresh, healthy options to their children.

The Garden's collaboration with [Brighter Bites](#) expands upon existing partnerships with schools and community gardens through [Collier Greens](#), as well a partnership this spring in particular, when the Garden distributed 500 seedlings to families through the Lee School District Environmental Education Department's [Project Victory Gardens](#) program.

**For questions, contact Renée Waller, Director of Communications & Marketing, at [rwaller@naplesgarden.org](mailto:rwaller@naplesgarden.org).**

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Stay connected with the Garden through our new interactive resource, [naplesgarden.org/stayplanted](https://www.naplesgarden.org/stayplanted). Spend time with our education staff through DIY videos, craft locally inspired cuisine in the kitchen with the team at Fogg Café, discover the flora surrounding you through our citizen-science initiatives, and more.

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## **About Naples Botanical Garden**

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre, world-class garden paradise that features plants from around the world. The Garden provides arts, culture, youth and adult education, conservation, wellness, and volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Southwest Florida onsite and online at [naplesgarden.org](https://www.naplesgarden.org). The Garden's living collections are always growing and evolving, leaving our audiences with a deeper engagement with our curated gardens and Preserve. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with timed tickets required, final tickets at 12 p.m. every day, with Fogg Café opening at 9 a.m. Timed entry tickets must be purchased in

advance at [naplesgarden.org](https://www.naplesgarden.org). Regular admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (4–14); Members and children 3 and under get in free.