

Local and Seasonal Food Calendars
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Common Energy (CE) is a network of university, community, and regional partners working to create solutions to the problems of climate change. CE collectively chose food as one of its six focus areas (the others being business and the economy, civic engagement and governance, energy, transportation, and buildings, infrastructure and ecology) to recognize its importance CE believes in an inclusive collaborative approach to positive change both on the university campus, and in the community.

The CE Food Working Group has numerous projects underway including creating a Victoria 'Locavore' guide to assist students to seek local foods, working towards eliminating disposable food containers on campus, increasing the amount of local food sold at campus food outlets and encouraging the incorporation of food issues into curriculum (both at universities and grade schools), to name a few.

Most recently, Common Energy is selling 2008 Local and Seasonal Food Calendars. Our goal with the calendars was to make local and seasonal food more accessible. Each month features a lovely photo from a local farm, a list of local seasonal produce for that month and a recipe using that month's seasonal produce. We have the calendars available at SUBText (at UVic), SPUD.ca, as well as other retailers of local food in our region for \$15 (special student price of \$10). Proceeds go towards Common Energy projects. As well, we are creating a bursary for a young local organic farming apprentice in financial need.

We welcome all those who are interested in volunteering with our organization or becoming a regional partner with us. For more information on Common Energy visit www.commonenergy.org (navigate to the Food Working Group) or send an email to food@uvic.commonenergy.org. We are constantly seeking outside input on our activities and proposals.

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