

# FALLENFRUIT

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**A SPECTER** is haunting our cities: barren landscapes with foliage and flowers, but nothing to eat. Fruit can grow almost anywhere, and can be harvested by everyone. Our cities are planted with frivolous and ugly landscaping, sad shrubs and neglected trees, whereas they should burst with ripe produce. Great sums of money are spent on young trees, water and maintenance. While these trees are beautiful, they could be good for us *and* beautiful.

**WE ASK** all of you to petition your cities and towns to support community gardens and only plant fruit-bearing trees in public parks. Let our streets be lined with apples and oranges! Demand that all parking lots be landscaped with fruit trees which provide shade, clean air and feed people.

**FALLEN FRUIT** is a mapping and manifesto for all the public fruit we can find. Every day there is food somewhere going to waste. We encourage you to find it, tend and harvest it. If you own property, plant food on your perimeter. Share with the world and the world will share with you. Barter, don't buy! Give things away! You have nothing to lose but your hunger!

**THIS MAP** is of our neighborhood. It is for everyone to share, but we ask that you sample what you find and not hoard. If you have property, think about planting a fruit tree on the street to share with your neighbors. Most of the fruit you buy comes from far away and more and more comes from overseas. This wastes energy and further alienates us from our food. Eat local, think global.

**MAKE A MAP.** Create a fruit map of your neighborhood and send it to us. We'll put it on our website. First Los Angeles, then America, then the world!

## PRINCIPLES OF FALLEN FRUIT:

**Think about who has fruit and other resources, and who doesn't.**

**Functional landscaping: ask cities to plant fruit trees in parks, parking lots, and on streets.**

**Mapping is a way to share with everyone, learning your neighborhood by foot, rather than by car.**

**Open dialogue within neighborhoods about public spaces.**

**Ask property owners to plant fruit trees for everyone.**

**Fresh fruit is a human right.**

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