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## PNM delivers truckloads of free mulch to support community food pantry

*Rio Grande Food Project receives free materials and delivery from PNM, helps provide the foundation for nutritious food grown in community garden and distributed to food pantry guests*

(Albuquerque, NM) – PNM recently delivered truckloads of free mulch in Albuquerque to the Rio Grande Food Project, helping to provide the foundation for nutritious food that will be distributed to the local community.

On Friday, PNM Vegetation Management delivered about 10 yards of free mulch for a community garden located near Coors Boulevard and Fortuna Road. On Saturday, volunteers from Sandia National Laboratories and ABQ Involved came to the community garden to spread the mulch throughout the garden that will soon be providing flavorful and nutritious food to people in need.



“PNM continues giving back to the Earth and the communities we serve,” said Thaddeus Petzold, PNM Vegetation Management manager. “The Rio Grande Food Project is a great partner of ours



through not only supporting their mission but also by administering the PNM Good Neighbor Fund program that helps pay past-due PNM bills for customers in need of a hand up.”

“By delivering this mulch for free, PNM saved us about \$800 to \$1,000 just in delivery costs,” said Kathi Cunningham, Rio Grande Food Project development director. “The mulch is quite literally part of the foundation of what we do, alleviating hunger and cultivating long-term food security in our communities.”

The Rio Grande Food Project is a nonprofit food pantry that provides supplemental and emergency food in the Albuquerque area. Households can pick up free groceries once per week. Visit [RGFP.org](http://RGFP.org) or Rio Grande Food Project on Facebook for more information.



To request a free mulch delivery from PNM, contact the PNM Contact Center at 888-DIAL-PNM or email [pnmcustomerservice@pnm.com](mailto:pnmcustomerservice@pnm.com).

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