

FOOD DONATION GUIDE



FRESH

NOURISHING

GENEROUS



All donated food items must:

- Be free from any obvious defect or contamination. This includes popped tops or bulging lids, as well as visible mold or rust on cans or bottles.
- Packaged foods must be unopened and in their original packaging with the nutrition label. We can accept donations from manufacturers/distributors without labels as long as the required labeling information can be provided to us.
- The cold supply chain must be maintained for all products that require refrigeration or frozen storage.

Items we cannot accept include:

- Homemade goods or jarred/canned items
- Baby food outside of the expiration date
- Wild game or meat not processed in a USDA or state-inspected site
- Over-the-counter/Prescription drugs
- Foods that have been previously reheated or served on a buffet
- Fresh or frozen fish/shellfish/sushi that has not been packaged by a manufacturer
- Hazardous chemicals (antifreeze, pesticides/lawn fertilizers/etc.)
- Pet food

*Discarding food that does not meet the above criteria is not waste. You are protecting the at-risk community that we serve.

FOOD GUIDELINES

Shelf Stable and Canned Goods	Store and Donate By
Low-acid canned goods. (i.e., canned meat and poultry, stews, soups except tomato, pasta, potatoes, corn, carrots, spinach, beans, beets, peas, and pumpkin)	2-5 years from product code date
High-acid canned goods (i.e. juices such as tomato, orange, lemon, lime and grapefruit; tomatoes, pineapple, apples, mixed fruit, peaches, pears, pickles, sauerkraut, and foods treated with vinegar-based sauces or dressings)	12-18 months from product code date
Tuna and other seafood	1 year from product code date
Rice and dried pasta	2 years from product code date
Shelf-stable milk	6 to 12 months from product code date
Dairy and Eggs	Refrigerate and Donate By
Milk (fresh liquid), Yogurt, Soft Cheese (i.e. ricotta, cottage, Brie), Eggs	Product code date
Hard Cheese (i.e., cheddar, swiss, parmesan), Butter	1 month from product code date
Meat and Poultry	Freeze and Donate By
Ground Meat	4 months from product code date
Beef, Veal, Lamb or Pork	Up to 12 months from product code date
Poultry	Up to 12 months from product code date

