



Donation Guidelines

Before You Donate

Ask yourself these questions: Is the item...

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Dented or damaged?

Pantries can't distribute damaged goods - the safety of the food could be compromised.

Open or not in original packaging?

Open or not in its original packaging? It could have been tampered with or may be expired. When in doubt, pantries can't hand it out.

New or nutritious?

The newer the food, the longer it will last on shelves. Nutritious food can be hard to come by for people dependent on a food pantry.

Able to be stored?

Most food is stored at room temperature and therefore needs to be shelf stable to preserve its safety.

Too big?

Several regular sized items help more people than one giant or family size item.

Expired or edible?

Expired food present a safety risk and may even violate health codes. Pantries cannot distribute expired items. Remember: If you wouldn't eat the food you're donating, neither would anyone else.

Most Needed Items:

Boxed Goods

- Cereal
- Rice/pasta sides, rice pilaf, mac n' cheese
- Coffee, tea, cocoa
- Granola bars, cookies, crackers
- Cake/brownie/pancake/muffin mix

Canned Goods

- Jars of pasta sauce
- Chef Boyardee, baked beans, chili
- Mayonnaise, relish, ketchup
- Hearty soups (i.e. Progresso)

Snacks

- Cookies, crackers, Goldfish, pretzels etc.

Non-food items

- Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels
- Dish soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Pump hand soap
- Diapers (sizes 5, 6, and 7) and baby wipes

*SNAP does not cover nonfood or personal care items like pads, tampons, adult incontinence products, diapers, deodorant, shampoo, household cleaners, etc.