




Safe Surplus Food Donations

WHY donate?

HUNGER RELIEF: Nearly 5 million people in California, including individuals, families, and children, struggle with food insecurity. Not all of these families are eligible for federal assistance, or this assistance doesn't meet their needs- YOU can help fill this gap by donating your surplus wholesome food to local nonprofit or charitable hunger relief groups.

WHO to donate to?

Many missions and nonprofit or charitable organizations that store or hold food on-site and receive donated foods operate under a public health permit and are familiar with safe food handling requirements. Make sure to talk with your nonprofit partner about their procedures to maintain food safety.

WHAT foods can be donated?

Almost anything you serve or sell can be donated, including meats and dairy even if they are close to their expiration date. There are a few exceptions such as, "homemade foods" (without a valid health permit), baby food and infant formula that has exceeded its expiration date or specially processed foods (e.g. Reduced Oxygen Packaged), but you can learn more about these items from Environmental Health.

General Resources

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| Find Rescue Groups Near You: | http://sustainableamerica.org/foodrescue |
| Find Food Banks Near You: | http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank/?referrer |
| Find Food Pantries Near You: | http://ampleharvest.org/find-pantry/ |

Food Pantries

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| Twin Lakes Food Bank | 327 Montrose Dr Folsom, CA 95630 | (916) 985-5431 | Tues-Thurs: 9-12:30pm Tues: 4:30-6pm | Accepts packaged, sealed groceries not past expiration date & groceries. No Pre-cooked food |
| Fruitridge Community Center & Aquatics | 4000 Fruitridge Rd Sacramento, CA 95820 | (916) 422-7610 | Mon-Fri: 9am-2pm | Accepts Cold food, Hot food, & Pre-packaged food |
| Carmichael Community Services | 4600 Winding Way Sacramento, CA 95841 | (916) 487-8684 ext. 11 | Wednesday: 9-12pm | Accepts Cold food, Hot food, & Pre-packaged food |
| Rio Linda Elverta Food Closet | 6420 Rio Linda Blvd Rio Linda, CA 95673 | (916) 698- 6717 | Thursday: 9:30-11:30am | Accepts Cold food, Hot food, & pre-packaged food |
| Starting with a Penny's Community Food Bank | 2251 Florin Rd STE #11 Sacramento, CA 95822 | (916) 519-9814 | Mon-Thurs: 10-2:30pm | Accepts Cold food, Hot food, & Pre-packaged food |

**Call Food Pantries for Additional Information. Drop off and Pick Up Available

** Visit website listed above for Additional Food Pantry Locations

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