

FOOD DRIVE TOOLKIT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF GOD'S PANTRY FOOD BANK!

Food drives play a crucial role in supporting our mission. They're a quick and effective way to gather non-perishable food items and help us maintain a well-rounded inventory to meet the nutritional needs of our neighbors. In FY2025, we **collected 158,014 pounds of food through food drives**, providing enough food for an additional 131,678 meals to those experiencing hunger.

Food drives also provide an opportunity for individuals, schools, businesses, and community groups to come together and contribute to a common cause, fostering a sense of solidarity and shared responsibility while raising awareness of food insecurity.

We developed this toolkit as a starting point to support you and your food drive. Inside, you'll find logos, flyers, FAQs, and step-by-step instructions to guide you through the process. If you have any questions or need support, reach out to our team at fooddrives@godspantry.org.

Sincerely,

D'wan Carey

Volunteer & Food Drive Manager



ABOUT FOOD DRIVES, CONTINUED

Lexington donations can be dropped off at 2201 Innovation Drive, Lexington, KY 40511. Please follow the signs to the agency pick-up location.

Additional locations:

Southeast Regional Distribution Center

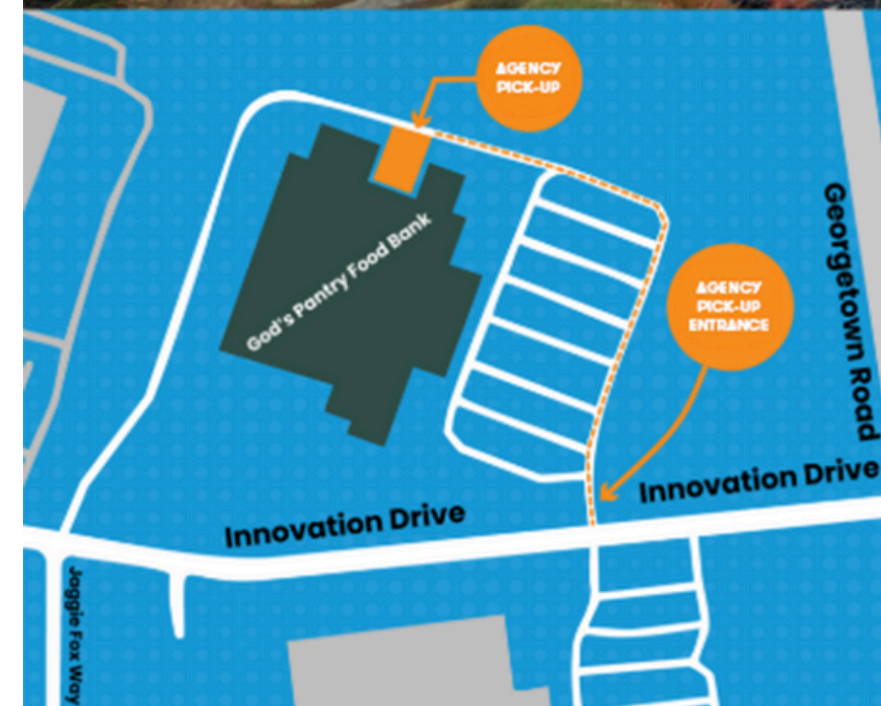
1215 East 4th Street
London, KY 40741

Morehead Warehouse

100 Carolyn Ingram Dr
Morehead, KY 40351

Prestonsburg Warehouse

65 Resource Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653



Please note: all cash and check donations must be dropped off or mailed to 2201 Innovation Drive, Lexington, KY 40511

ABOUT FOOD DRIVES, CONTINUED

How to collect your items:

We have large cardboard totes or large blue barrels available for your use.

- Cardboard totes hold 50–75 lbs. – perfect for smaller food drives.
- Blue barrels hold 150–250 lbs. – great for large or longer-term food drives.
- You're welcome to use your own totes, bags, or containers. Please reinforce the bottoms of any boxes and be mindful not to overload them—food can be heavy!
- You may run your drive for as long as you'd like.
- Please stop by your local warehouse to pick these up anytime during business hours, Monday–Friday from 8–4:30pm. Please follow the signs to Agency Pick-up.

How to donate your items:

We are asking that your collected items be dropped off at our warehouse. Dropping the food off to us is a great way to maximize the impact of the donations. Every time we send a truck out to pick it up, the cost is approximately \$80 each way.

Please contact your local warehouse for drop-off instructions.

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What items to collect:

- **Canned proteins: tuna, chicken, beef, spam, nut butters, beans**
- **Breakfast foods: cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, protein bars**
- **Soups: any soups or ready-to-eat items, ramen**
- **Pantry Staples: sugar, crackers, condiments, seasonings, sauces, sugar substitutes**
- Starches: Pasta, rice, mac and cheese, canned pasta, mashed potatoes, side-dish pasta meals
- Canned fruit: peaches, mixed fruit, pineapples, apples, fruit cups, applesauce, pears
- Canned vegetables: canned tomato (sauce, paste, diced, etc.), potatoes, carrots, green beans, corn, peas, mixed vegetables

Any unopened, shelf-stable food with ingredients listed works! Please try not to donate glass.

Items in **bold** are in urgent need.

New! Virtual Food Drive Option:

Either collect donations under your organization's name by creating a virtual food drive, or participate in our Virtual Food Drive! You may run both a traditional food drive as well as a virtual food drive at the same time. For every \$1, we can create 6 meals due to our bulk buying power!

Virtual Donations:



LOGOS



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FLYERS

FOOD DRIVE
MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

PROTEINS

Shelf-stable proteins:
Canned/pouched tuna
Canned chicken, pork, beef
Peanut butter
Beans: canned and dried
Shelf stable egg substitute

VEGETABLES

Green beans
Corn
Mixed Veggies
Tomato products: diced,
sauce, whole, paste
Peas, asparagus, spinach

FRUITS

Canned: apples, peaches,
pineapples, pears, pumpkin
Fruit cups
Dried fruits: cranberries,
prunes

STARCHES

Potatoes: canned, instant
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta: dried,
SpaghettiO's
Chef Boyardee meals
White and brown rice

PANTRY ITEMS

Powdered and canned milk
Shelf stable cheese products
Seasonings and spices
Condiments and sauces
Sugar and sugar substitutes

BREAKFAST FOODS

Cereal
Oatmeal
Grits
Granola Bars
Biscuit and pancake mixes



MONEY

For every \$1 donated, we can collect, store, and
distribute enough food for 6 meals! Create a virtual
food drive at the link below or by using the QR code.
www.godspantry.org/take-action/food-drives-fundraisers?form=XUDAKTDP



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ABOUT GOD'S PANTRY

We empower more than 500 food pantries and meal programs across Central and Eastern Kentucky.

Food is an essential source: for growth, for strength, for life. It is a human right. As advocates, we champion better access to nutritious food and work to get more people engaged. Reducing hunger takes us all.

Our vision:

A nourished life for every Kentuckian

Our mission:

Reducing hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities

Our tagline:

Making hunger visible



