

Host a Food Drive



West Seattle Food Bank strengthens the community through the power of neighbors helping neighbors, working to ensure all in our community have access to the essential necessities of living.

How to Get Started

Ideas to help you plan for a successful food drive.

- Get other people committed to the drive: coworkers, managers, teachers, friends, relatives and neighbors.
- Name your drive – give your drive a sense of fun & importance!
- Set a goal for how much food you want to collect – pounds, bags, boxes, number of cans, or the value of the food.
- Consider your collection points – pick places that are easy for people to find, ask to display a donation container in different departments, offices, or area retailers, if doing it at work.
- Let us know of your plans, and we may be able to supply you with bins and help with spreading the word!

Promote the Drive

- Hold a fun kick-off and distribute our wish list. Decorate the donation barrels or boxes. Provide paper or reusable bags for everyone to fill with their donations during the course of the drive.
- Send information about the food drive with the invitation to your party, wedding, reunion, etc.
- Hang posters or flyers where people are likely to see them.
- Post on your social media, contact family, neighbors, area businesses, etc. asking for their participation. Let us know if your food drive is open to the public and we can help!
- Educate your group about the West Seattle Food Bank and our mission. westseattlefoodbank.org/donate-food has a lot of material to help with this and marketing in general.
- Remind people when the end of the food drive is near.

When It's Done

- Deliver food to the Food Bank or arrange a pick up with us before the start of the drive.
- We are open to accept donated food Monday-Friday, 9am to 3pm. The best day for easy access to our parking garage and loading dock are on Mondays.

Also don't forget to collect receipts from West Seattle Thriftway. The West Seattle Food Bank gets 1% back on all collected receipts!



Have questions? We're happy to help!

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2020 Fiscal Year Statistics

- We distributed over 2.57 million pounds of food and spent \$338,774 on purchased food.
- 15,000 individuals in need of food and services counted on the WSFB at some time during the year. We saw a 30% increase in visits to the food bank from the impacts of COVID.
- We delivered food weekly to the homes of more than 500 elderly and disabled individuals not able to make it to the food bank through our Mobile Food Bank Services.
- Our Pet Pantry distributed 22,000 pounds of pet food and accessories to clients to take care of their furry friends.
- Our Helpline Services provided \$163,901 in rent, utility, move-in and homeless prevention assistance.
- Our Backpack Program provided 13,048 packs of kid-friendly meals weekly to more than 450 children at risk of hunger over the weekend at 13 local schools.
- \$122,840 worth of baby food, formula, diapers, car seats, strollers, furniture, toys, clothing and other accessories were distributed to parents through our Baby and Child Corner.

