

Food Donation Guidelines

Food donations should have their original labels, damage-free packaging and be within their expiration date.

Due to food safety regulations, we ask that you do not donate food items that are unsealed, loose items without ingredients listed, glass containers, or loose glass or plastic jars of baby food. These items must be discarded.

What not to donate:

- **Items needing refrigeration:** Food like produce, dairy, and meat can spoil easily.
- **Expired food:** When considering what to donate, think about what you'd be comfortable serving your family.
- **Leftovers:** To ensure the food we serve is safe, we cannot accept leftovers or anything made in personal kitchens because they aren't individually sealed and we cannot verify the ingredients or preparation process.
- Food with packaging concerns: This includes food with damaged packaging such as dented or bloated cans, packaging that is already open, or even items in glass containers, which can shatter and cause food safety concerns for any other food they're stored near.
- **Baked goods:** Similar to leftovers, since we cannot confirm how your baked goods were made or their ingredients, they can't be donated.