

Food Drive Steps

- Announce the food drive well in advance so people can plan to bring non-perishable items. Then publicize the drive through posters, meetings, e-mails, memos and publications.
- Provide Food Bank brochures and encourage people to visit the web site:
www.midsouthfoodbank.org
- Set beginning and ending dates for the drive; two weeks is usually adequate.
- Set a collection goal and get everyone involved in reaching that goal, such as a certain number of items per person or a total number of items.
- Involve people and raise excitement using incentives such as friendly competition between departments, groups or individuals. Award prizes or give recognition in other ways.
- Provide boxes for donated items. Place them in centralized, visible locations, convenient for your group.
- Identify group members who will deliver the food to The Food Bank when the drive is over, or arrange a pick-up in advance for large donations (200 lbs or more).
- Deliver food to The Food Bank from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday.

For more information, call
901-527-0841

Most Needed Items

Food Items

- Canned meats, including tuna, stews, chicken and dumplings, chili, Spam, soups
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits
- Canned veggies
- Canned fruit juice
- Any non-perishable item, but no glass containers, please.



Other Items

Do not mix food and non-food items together.

- Paper towels, plates, napkins, cups, plastic utensils
- Toilet paper
- Personal care items: toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant
- Laundry and dish detergent
- Other cleaning products



Mid-South Food Bank



Mid-South Food Bank is a not-for-profit organization that serves more than 300 charitable feeding programs in 31 counties in west Tennessee, north Mississippi and east Arkansas. These agencies include food pantries, youth programs, soup kitchens, shelters, day care centers, residential programs, senior programs and rehabilitation programs. Mid-South Food Bank also has two childhood feeding programs: Kids Cafe and the Food for Kids Backpack Program.

Mid-South Food Bank distributes about one million pounds of food a month. Almost ten percent of that food comes from local food drives.



Our Mission: To fight hunger through the efficient collection and distribution of wholesome food and through education and advocacy.

Food Drives Help!

Help Mid-South Food Bank *Feed the Need* by holding a food drive at your office, church, club, neighborhood or just among friends! When you have a food drive, you are helping to fight hunger in our community.

Food Bank Programs



Warehouse Distribution

Kids Cafe



Food for Kids
Backpack Program



Mid-South Food Bank Network

Your food drive helps hungry people Mid-South Food Bank's 31-county service area in west Tennessee, north Mississippi and east Arkansas.

- 148,000 different people seek emergency food from Food Bank member agencies every year.
- 32% of those are children.
- Nearly 76% live below the federal poverty rate.



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