Hosting A Food Drive-FAQ + More

Thank you for your interest in holding a food drive. The Food Bank of Lincoln appreciates your support and help in alleviating hunger in Southeast Nebraska.



How do I get a barrel for my drive?

The Food Bank of Lincoln has barrels available for your food drive. Please help cut our transportation costs by picking up the barrels from the Food Bank.

You may also request barrels online at: **www.lincolnfoodbank.org.**

If you need three or more barrels, delivery arrangements can be made with at least one week notice.

Any assistance with picking up/delivering barrels back to the Food Bank is greatly appreciated. This will help us reduce operating costs and more efficiently serve children, families and seniors.

What happens if the barrels fill up before my food drive is over?

If your drive is even more successful than anticipated and your barrels are overflowing before the end of your drive, please call Dane at (402) 466-8170, ext. 2010. We will work with you to make arrangements to schedule an additional pick up/delivery.

We may need 48 hours to a weeks notice to get a driver out to pick up multiple barrels. We will do our best to get the barrels as soon as possible.

How do I get donations back to the Food Bank?

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are grateful for donations of any quantity, but transportation costs limit our ability to pick up donations of one barrel or less. If your food drive fills one barrel or less, please deliver donations to the Food Bank.

If you have at least two barrels at the end of your food drive, please contact Dane at (402) 466-8170, ext. 2010 and we will schedule a driver to pick up your donations. If your barrels are overflowing, please let us know so our team can plan accordingly to move your donations.



Most Needed Food Items:

- Tuna and other canned meats
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Coffee
- Macaroni & cheese
- Boxed dinners
- Soups, canned or boxed
- 100% fruit juices

We encourage pop-top lids on cans whenever possible as well as low-sodium vegetables and fruits in their own juice. This is a way to provide healthier options for neighbors. Thank you for considering these requests.

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Ideas to Get Your Food Drive Started

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Breakfast Challenge:

Challenge another department to a food collection contest. The losing team buys donuts for the winners.

Set a Meal Goal:

For every $1 donated, the Food Bank can provide about two meals. Set a meal goal for your office and collect funds.

Assign a food to each day:

Macaroni & Cheese Monday
Tuna (canned) Tuesday
Wild Rice Wednesday (or any bagged rice)
Tomato Sauce Thursday (canned, not jar)
Fruit Friday (canned)

Lunch Money Monday:

Employees bring a sack lunch to work on "Lunch Money Monday" and contribute the amount they would have spent eating out.

Pancake Breakfast:

Treat employees to a pancake breakfast. Non-perishable food items are the price of admission.

Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt:

Divide into groups and have a team outing to your nearest grocery store. Each team should have the Food Banks most wanted food items list to shop from. Decide how to score points and be sure to offer a small prize for the winning team.

No time to host a traditional food drive? Try a Virtual Food Drive!

HOST A VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE

What is a Virtual Food Drive?

A Virtual Food Drive allows individuals and organizations to host a food drive through Food Bank of Lincoln's website. Donations can be made securely online, with a weblink specifically for your organization. With just a few clicks, anyone can purchase the most-needed items and make a difference in the lives of neighbors in need.

Why use the Virtual Food Drive?

The answer is simple – to get more food to those facing hunger in our community faster. By holding your food drive online, you will save the Food Bank the time and resources incurred through a physical food drive. Plus, your donations will help us purchase more of our most-needed food items in bulk including highly desirable perishable items such as milk and eggs. You give us the resources to purchase items in the moment they are most needed!

Set Up a Virtual Food Drive:

To set up your own virtual food drive visit **www.lincolnfoodbank.org/give-help**

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