

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. Encourage people to visit the web site:
www.midsouthfoodbank.org
- Make it possible for people to give money as well as, or instead of, food. Checks should be made payable to Mid-South Food Bank; or ask the Food Bank to make it possible to designate donations to your drive on the Food Bank web site.
- Set beginning and ending dates for the drive; two weeks is usually adequate.
- 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 Mid-South Food Bank when the drive is over.
- Deliver food to Mid-South Food Bank, 239 South Dudley, from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday. Please call to let us know you're coming.

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.

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



Mid-South Food Bank 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 in Mid-South Food Bank's 31-county service area in west Tennessee, north Mississippi and east Arkansas.

- 168,500 different people seek emergency food from Food Bank member agencies every year.
- 31% of those are children.
- 84% report having to choose between buying food or paying utilities: heat or eat.



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