

## Hunger Hurts Every Community

One of the most frustrating things about hunger is when perfectly good food is thrown away rather than given away to people in need. Mid-South Food Bank's Retail Store Donation Program works together with the grocery industry to reduce this food waste. The Food Bank collects perishable, but still usable, edible food that stores can no longer sell and distributes it to food insecure and hungry people in the Mid-South.

## Benefits to Your Store

There are simple economic advantages to donating to Mid-South Food Bank:

- Reduce your waste and disposal costs
- Enhance your community relations by helping one of the Mid-South's most respected non-profit organizations.
- Reap rewards for your generosity through tax benefits.
- Liability issues are covered through state and federal provisions that protect donors.
- Mid-South Food Bank tracks food pounds and categories and provides a monthly report.
- It's just the right thing to do!



**Help Us Feed the Need**

With the Retail Store Donation Program, retail donors can avoid dump and compactor costs for food that is still usable and edible by donating to Mid-South Food Bank. These donations provide thousands of pounds of food to hungry children, families and seniors.

## Mid-South Food Bank Service Area



**MID-SOUTH  
FOOD  
BANK**  
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239 South Dudley St.  
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[www.midsouthfoodbank.org](http://www.midsouthfoodbank.org)

## Donating Makes Business Sense



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Retail Store Donation Program  
works together with the grocery industry  
to feed hungry people.**



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## Retail Food Donation Made Easy

- Use food safety guidelines when donating; available from your company or from Mid-South Food Bank's Retail Store Donation Coordinator.
- Set up a regular donation schedule to allow for pick-ups by a Partner Agency or Mid-South Food Bank.
- Designated an area for food donations.



For areas outside of Memphis/Shelby County, Mid-South Food Bank will connect stores with our Partner Agencies in your local area, including food pantries or other feeding programs.

To become a Retail Store Donation Partner or for more information, contact Janet Benford, 901-373-0403 or [jbenford@midsouthfoodbank.org](mailto:jbenford@midsouthfoodbank.org)

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## Donate From These Product Categories

<b>Frozen Meat*</b>	Beef, Chicken, Pork, Seafood - random weight or pre-packaged Sausage, Bacon, Hot Dogs, Sandwich Meats Ready-to-Serve meat items - chicken nuggets, fish sticks * Separate by category. Beef/Pork/Chicken/Turkey packed together
<b>Produce</b>	Fruit and Vegetables Pre-packaged salad and fruit
<b>Bakery</b>	Dated pastries and private label bread Other Close-dated Bread Products
<b>Dairy</b>	Dairy milk and milk products Packaged cheeses, yogurt
<b>Assorted Groceries</b>	Canned goods, cereal, water, snack foods, soda
<b>Assorted Refrigerated</b>	Eggs, biscuits, cole slaw, potato salad, ready-to-serve meals
<b>Assorted Frozen</b>	Pizza, pot pies, dinners, bagged/boxed vegetables and fruit Microwavable entrees and breakfast items Toaster waffles and other bread products

These are just a few samples of the types of food that can be donated. Engage staff/managers from each department to donate items (i.e. meat, produce, dairy/deli, bakery and grocery).

Mid-South Food Bank adheres to the same food-handling regulations that govern the food and grocery industry.

**Donation Handling and Storage Guidelines** and other materials are available from your Mid-South Food Bank Retail Store Donation Program Coordinator.

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