

# Food Drive GUIDE



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
FOOD BANK

**QUESTIONS ABOUT HOLDING A FOOD DRIVE?  
CALL 410-923-4255**



# FIVE TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE



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## Organize

Choose the location and duration of your drive, then **register your food drive** with the Anne Arundel County Food Bank by filling out the online form at [www.aafoodbank.org/food-drive](http://www.aafoodbank.org/food-drive).



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## Advertise

Download and fill out our food drive poster or make your own. Be sure to fill out all the fields on the poster, including the name of the organization hosting the drive, where to drop off the food, and how long the food drive is running.

## Collect

Use containers provided by the Anne Arundel County Food Bank or use cardboard boxes or plastic tubs to collect the donated food. Label the containers and put them in a highly visible area so people can find the boxes.



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## Deliver

Collect your donated food and take it to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank at 120 Marbury Drive in Crownsville. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm. If your food drive has collected a lot of donated food, you may be eligible for pick-up (call our office for information).



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## GIVE THANKS!

Please remember to thank all the participants for helping to fight hunger and feed hope in Anne Arundel County!

# FOOD DRIVE GIVING GUIDE

Wondering what foods to donate? We're looking for shelf-stable items, especially those high in fiber and low in both sodium and sugar.

## HIGH-PRIORITY ITEMS

- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars)
- 1-pound bags or boxes of rice
- 1-pound bags of dry beans and legumes (pinto, black, lentils)
- Healthy snacks (breakfast bars, dried fruit, etc.)
- Baby food and formula
- Nutritional shakes (Ensure, Boost)

## ALSO IN DEMAND

- Canned soup and stews
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned chicken
- Canned beans
- Pasta (whole-grain)
- Shelf-stable milk and plant-based milks
- Whole-grain hot and cold cereal
- Cooking oils and spices

## NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Diapers  
(baby and adult, all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Personal Hygiene Products

## PLEASE NOTE

- Glass jars often break. Please select items in plastic containers when possible.
- Select canned goods less than 28 oz. and other items at 1 pound or less.
- Please respect “use by” and “sell by” dates. Donations are checked before distribution to our network of member agency food pantries.
- Cases of bottled water are not needed at this time.



## QUICK LINKS



**GIVE FOOD**



**DONATE ON-LINE**



**VOLUNTEER**



**PANTRY LIST**

## YOUR FOOD DRIVE MAKES AN IMPACT!

*The donated food you collect helps the Anne Arundel County Food Bank support many programs throughout our County, including:*

### **Food Pantries**

Across Anne Arundel County, a network of pantries made up of churches, community centers, and civic groups ensure all people in need have access to food on a regular basis.

### **Backpack Buddies**

A partnership with Anne Arundel County Public Schools, this program identifies students in need and provides kids a bag full of nutritious foods each weekend and holiday during the school year.

### **Soup Kitchens**

Our on-site feeding programs provide hot meals to those in need. This program consists of soup kitchens, shelters, and homeless outreach programs.

### **Baby and Senior Pantries**

Nutritional supplements and non-food items, such as diapers, are distributed through our baby pantry partner agencies and senior pantry partners.



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## **OUR MISSION**

*To alleviate food insecurity in Anne Arundel County by partnering across our community to obtain and distribute nourishing food to our neighbors in need.*

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