Food Drive FAQs

I want to host a Food Drive. How do I get started?

Please fill out this Food Drive Interest Form.

When should I host my food drive and how long should it last?

You can host a food drive any time during the year. Run your food drive for a day or a month, it's up to you. Just be sure to communicate your food drive dates with the Community Engagement Coordinator.

How can I get people to participate?

Marketing is key! Social media posts and emails are a great way to get the word out to your network. You are welcome to use the Foodbank logo and our Food and Funds poster to create your own marketing for your food drive, and share within your company, school, organization, or friends and family.

What do I need to get started?

Collection containers or tables! You can use your own boxes, totes or tables, which you can decorate and add Foodbank flare to, or use Foodbank barrels to collect donation items. Barrels may be picked up from either warehouse location upon request. Availability is limited. Please note, we kindly ask that you commit to dropping off food donations at one of our two warehouse locations, though special pick-ups may be arranged for larger food drives (over 400 pounds and/or items).

- Santa Maria Warehouse, 490 W. Foster Rd., Santa Maria, 8 am – 3 pm
- Santa Barbara Warehouse 4554 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, 8 am – 3 pm

What should we donate?

We are looking for nutritious, shelf-stable items. For a list of foods needed and a copy of our Food Drive Poster, visit https://foodbanksbc.org/give-help/donate-food/.

Can we donate money as well or instead of food?

Yes! Both food and funds are important to the operation of the Foodbank and with $1 we can purchase 8 meals. You can do a combined food and funds drive, or focus on one or the other. To donate money, check out our website https://foodbanksbc.org/give-help/.

Questions?

Please email Patsy Aguirre with any questions or concerns at paguirre@foodbanksbc.org.

THANKS!