

## Food Drive Information

Thank you for your interest in holding a food drive to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank. Food drives can be held by individuals, groups, or companies. Anyone from a neighbor to a school to a company can participate in or organize a food drive. Food drives are welcome any time of the year. A large percentage of the food drives happen in November and December; however, we strongly encourage food drives all year round.

### What are the recommended non-perishable items to collect for a food drive?

- Soup, stew and chili
  - Dry and canned pasta
  - Macaroni and Cheese
  - Cereal, rice, and beans
  - Canned fruits and vegetables
  - Canned tuna and chicken
  - Peanut Butter and Jelly
- \*No Glass \*

\*Donations of money are always welcome; over 95% of all donated resources to the Worcester County Food Bank go directly to feeding hungry people.

### How should I promote my food drive?

- Posters (poster templates on [www.foodbank.org](http://www.foodbank.org))
- Flyers
- Emails
- Announcements
- Corporate Matching Programs

### What type of boxes or containers should I use?

- Boxes the size of copy paper boxes or banana boxes are usually the best size to collect non-perishable food items in.

### How do I deliver my food drive items to the Food Bank?

- The Worcester County Food Bank is located at 474 Boston Turnpike in Shrewsbury, MA 01545. We are next door to Border's Books on Route 9. Please park near the loading docks on the side of the building that's facing Worcester.
- Our delivery hours are from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Please call ahead to arrange a delivery date and time.

**The Worcester County Food Bank** is a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is: *To Engage, Educate and Lead Worcester County in Creating a Hunger- Free Community.*

#### RECENT DATA

During fiscal year 2011, the Worcester County Food Bank distributed 5,846,773 pounds of donated food and grocery product to its network of 150 partner agencies that have programs for feeding people, including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. These agencies served 83,145 different people living in Central Massachusetts. The Food Bank is the primary source of donated food for its partner agencies.



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