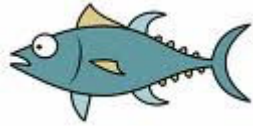


Keys to Conducting a Successful Food Drive

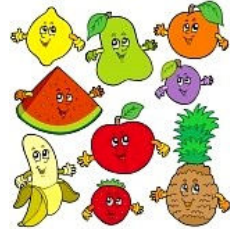


- ✓ Establish a representative to act as the liaison between the RI Community Food Bank and your group or organization.
- ✓ Determine the length of your food drive based on a theme, event, timeline, or a goal of pounds collected.
- ✓ Consider what types of **non perishable** products you are planning to collect.
- ✓ Promote your food drive internally, or locally, whichever applies.
- ✓ Acquire collection bins and posters from the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.
- ✓ Select a location to display your collection containers.
- ✓ If your projected collection does not meet the required pick up weight of 2,500 lbs., plan to arrange for transportation to the Food Bank. We consider deliveries a vital part of your donation. As an alternative, consider a direct delivery to one of our Member Agencies conveniently located throughout the state. We will assist with this referral.
- ✓ For more information, please contact Farris Maxwell at (401) 942-6325 x224 or by email at fmaxwell@rifoodbank.org.

Most Needed Items



Canned Tuna



Canned Fruits



Pasta



Dried or Canned
Beans



Rice



Peanut Butter

Please consider the following healthy choices:

- Whole wheat pasta
- Brown rice
- Low sodium soups
- Bran cereals
- Granola bars

We are unable to accept the following items for donation:

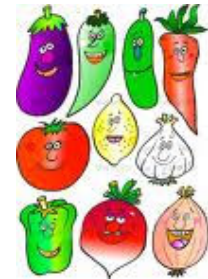
- Any items that contain alcohol
- Homemade food items
- Prepared foods
- Perishables
- Baby food/ formula
- Previously opened items
- Medications
- Glass containers
- Soda



Cereal



Canned
Stew / Soup / Chili



Canned Vegetables

Points to Ponder

- ✓ If you qualify for a pick up, is there sufficient street level access or a truck-level loading dock?
- ✓ Do you require weight totals at the conclusion of your drive? If so, then the referral option will not be available.
- ✓ If you are conducting a lengthy food drive, do you have a plan in place to acquire additional collection materials if necessary, as well as sufficient space to store your collected product?

Please bear in mind that our transportation team operates on a regular schedule. We are sensitive to the needs of donors, and will address pickups as expeditiously as possible.



*The average cost for the RICFB to pick up a food drive is between \$85.00 - \$100.00. With our limited transportation resources, we appreciate deliveries and consider them an additional contribution

Food Drive Ideas

Build a meal:

Collect combinations of non perishable items that can be used to complete a meal.



Spaghetti & Sauce

Target one item:

Peanut Butter



Offer incentives:

Dress Down Day



Make it a contest!

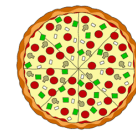


Winner tours the RICFB!

Make it a competition!



Awards



Pizza
Party



Prizes

Food Drive Collection Materials

Money Cans

Collection Bins

Collection Barrels



Posters