



Food Rescue for Food Assistance Organizations

Due to the overwhelming demand resulting from COVID-19, the Greater Boston Food Bank announced they will have to limit the amount of food they provide to local food assistance organizations. The Greater Boston Food Bank is the primary supplier of food to food pantries in Eastern MA. If your business has food that it will not be using, please consider donating it to one of these organizations. Any help you can give is much appreciated! **Note: Please call first before dropping off food.**

Citizens Inn/Haven from Hunger

Food pantry and community meal open to Salem residents. Can pick up Mon-Fri.

Kate Benashki: 978-531-1530

71 Wallis Street, Peabody, MA

Citizens Inn will accept perishable, non-perishable AND prepared foods.

Root

Providing prepared meals to Salem seniors and families

Chef Sam Hunt: 508-816-1044 (may be able to pick up donations)

Shetland Park, 35 Congress Street Suite 2350, Salem, MA

Root will accept perishable and non-perishable foods, but no prepared foods please.

Salem Pantry

Mobile food pantries/deliveries

Samantha Johanson: 978-552-3954

54 Margin Street, Salem, MA

Lifebridge

Community meals

Karen Andrew, Kitchen Manager: 978-744-0500

56 Margin Street, Salem, MA

Lifebridge will accept perishable, non-perishable AND prepared foods.

Salvation Army

Community meals and food pantry

Katina Polemenako: 978-744-5181

93 North Street, Salem, MA

Salvation Army will accept perishable, non-perishable AND prepared foods.

Food Safety

While the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Law provides protection to businesses donating food to nonprofit organizations, there are still food safety guidelines that must be followed:

- Temperature logs must accompany all donated perishable, semi-perishable and prepared foods per the Salem Board of Health.
- In accordance with Massachusetts law, perishable and semi-perishable foods must bear a date label, and food sold or donated past that date label must be safe for human consumption.
- For foods that may contain allergens, a warning label should be put on the package stating that the food may contain allergens and that people who may have an allergic reaction should not consume it.

For additional information on food donations: <https://recyclingworksma.com/donate/>