



EMERGENCY RESOURCES FOR FOOD & HUNGER ASSISTANCE



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The City of Milwaukee's FEED MKE Pilot Project



The City of Milwaukee's **FEED MKE Project**, led by the Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO), forges strong partnerships with local organizations to feed the hungry, reduce food waste, keep edible food out of landfills, and minimize environmental impact.

By working with collaborative partners, FEED MKE helps rescue edible food that would otherwise be wasted and redirects it to individuals and families facing food insecurity. These efforts provide nutritious meals to hungry people, and build a stronger, more sustainable Milwaukee for all.



LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FOOD RECOVERY?

milwaukee.gov/feedmke to
Connect, Collaborate + Share Ideas



A Guide to Food Recovery Resources

*Tackling Food Waste and
Feeding Our Community*

Food Access Maps

Scan the QR Codes
to Learn More or Visit
milwaukee.gov/foodpantries

MKE County Emergency Food Map



A ZIP-code searchable map of emergency shelters that safely provide food for families living in the City of Milwaukee.

MKE Food Ecosystem Map



Interactive relationship map of various food-focused business and service organizations within the Greater Milwaukee area.

MKE Food Council Food Environments



Created to help community members and service providers identify where food is available throughout Milwaukee County.

EPA Excess Food Opportunities Map



Helps divert food from landfills by showing where excess food is generated across the U.S. and where it can be recovered.

Key Information For Food Donations

When donating food, thoughtful giving ensures your contribution makes the greatest impact.

Please refer to the recommendations and suggestions below – and always check with the food pantry first to see what they need.

DOs and DON'Ts of Donating Food

Do:

- Donate items that are shelf-stable or non-perishable.
- Consider nutrition needs for diverse populations.
- Donate food in its original packaging.
- Check with the food pantry for specific needs or requests.

Don't:

- Donate expired food, used food, or food in open boxes.
- Donate restaurant leftovers or food prepared at home.
- Deliver food without calling ahead to confirm timing.
- Bring perishable food without permission.



Extra Tips for Thoughtful Giving

- **Culturally Inclusive:** consider donating staple foods from diverse cultural cuisines.
- **Accessible Items:** focus on easy-to-prepare foods; foods that can be microwaved or heated with minimal steps can be especially useful.
- **Pair Foods:** if donating boxed macaroni and cheese, consider powdered milk or shelf-stable butter alternatives.
- **Consider Monetary Donations:** food banks can stretch dollars further through purchasing emergency items in bulk.