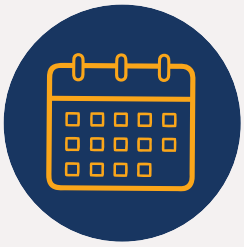
Community Food Drive

FISH
KITTITAS COUNTY'S FOOD RESOURCE

Thank you for hosting a food drive for FISH! Your donations help stock our shelves and provide neighbors across Kittitas County with more variety and choice.

Schools, businesses, clubs, and families can all make a difference. This guide will help you plan your drive, choose what to collect, and get your donations to FISH.

How it works



Pick your dates. Choose a short window, like the 1st through the 15th of a month. Two weeks max keeps energy high.



Get a collection bin. Contact FISH with your address and dates. We'll deliver one or two blue bins, depending on your needs.



Spread the word. Post a flyer, share our most-needed items, and encourage everyone to invite two others to donate.



Collect. Place bins where people come and go: a front office, lobby, classroom or checkout counter.



Deliver to FISH. Bring your food to 804 Elmview Rd in Ellensburg or contact us to arrange pickup.



See your impact. We'll share your total pounds collected and can track groups separately for friendly competitions.



Celebrate. Thank your donors and share your total.

Most Needed Items

Protein and hearty, shelf-stable meals go the furthest. Share this list with your donors.

Proteins
Canned tuna, chicken or ham; peanut butter and other nut butters

Hearty meals
Canned chili, hearty soups, stews

Breakfast
Cereal, dry milk, snack bars, oatmeal packets

Fruit
Canned fruit, unsweetened applesauce

Grains
Rice, pasta

Pantry staples
Pasta sauce, cooking oils, spices, baking mixes, and meal starters

Fresh produce, meat and dairy are welcome too but bring them straight to FISH rather than leaving them in a bin.

Please don't donate:

To keep food safe for our guests, please leave these out of the bin:
- Opened, used or partially eaten packages
- Homemade or home-canned food
- Perishable food left sitting in a collection bin
- Alcohol

More ways to help:

Food drives are one of many ways to support your neighbors.

Give funds. $68 provides a senior with a week of meals; $64 gives a family a week of groceries. Donate at kvfish.org/donate.

Add diapers. FISH's diaper bank has no dedicated funding, so diapers and wipes are a big help. Bring diapers to the Sweet Cheeks Diaper bank location at 804 Elmview Rd in Ellensburg.

Share your harvest. Gardeners, farms and orchards can donate or glean fresh produce. Learn more at kvfish.org/glean.

Volunteer. Sign up at kvfish.org/volunteer.

Tips for a Successful Food Drive

GROUP	WHAT WORKS:
Schools and classrooms	Make it a class activity: each student picks two people to ask. Run a friendly competition for most pounds per class, and we'll weigh classes separately.
Businesses	Put the bin where customers come and go, not in a back office. Partner with a neighboring business to add a second bin.
Clubs and faith groups	Set a pounds goal and announce progress at each meeting.
Neighborhoods	Post on your neighborhood group, set one drop-off porch, and deliver together at the end.
Events	Ask guests to "bring a can" as their admission or thank-you gift.

Whatever your group, a theme helps. Try "Protein Power Week" or "Cereal Challenge" to focus on our most-needed items.

FAQs

Can FISH pick up donations?
We encourage groups to deliver donations, but contact us if you need help arranging pickup.

When can we drop off donations?
Monday–Thursday: 8 AM–4 PM
Friday: 8 AM–Noon

Ready to Get Started?

Contact FISH to schedule your food drive and arrange for collection bins.

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Thank you for helping keep our community fed!

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