



FOOD DONATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for being a County Harvest Food Donor! Your generous participation is helping feed hungry men, women and children in Westchester County every day.

We have compiled these guidelines to insure your donations meet food safety standards.

- Food should remain in the refrigerator/freezer until the County Harvest volunteer arrives to pick it up. We cannot pick up food that has been placed outside.
- All food requiring refrigeration must be chilled down (40° or below) or frozen before it can be picked up. We cannot pick up food that is hot, warm or room temperature.
- Only donate food that is fit for human consumption and that has a shelf life of at least 2 days. Do not donate food that you would not eat yourself or feed to your family.
 - Produce should not be rotten or badly damaged
 - Meat/chicken should be frozen on or before the "Sell By" date
 - Prepared food should be stored in aluminum trays with lids, labeled and refrigerated or frozen
 - Dairy should be refrigerated
 - Bags/boxes should be sealed so that food is not directly exposed
- County Harvest volunteers are **NOT** approved food handlers and are **NOT** permitted to pack, wrap or rewrap any food items.