

Suggested Donations

Below are the food items that we find our customers need most.

Protein: Canned meats such as tuna, chicken, and salmon. Beans, canned or dried. Split peas and lentils. Peanut butter.

Grain: Pasta, rice, or quinoa. Oatmeal or breakfast cereals (whole grain or low sugar).

Dairy: Shelf stable milk, non-fat dried powder milk, or dry-grated Parmesan cheese.

Prepared meals: Pasta sauces, stews, canned pasta, baked beans, or Mac & Cheese. Chunky soups.

Fruits: Canned fruit in its own juice or 100% fruit juice.

Vegetables: Especially carrots, potatoes, yams, or tomatoes.

Baking goods: Cake mix, flour, or sugar.

Fresh Produce that does not require refrigeration, like onions, garlic, oranges, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, pears, or bananas.

Other items: Olive oil, canola oil, broths, lemon juice, or vinegar. Spices such as pepper, cinnamon, oregano, parsley, or chili powder. Healthy snacks. Ketchup, mayo, or salad dressings.

Contact Us

BCHG Pantry at Pennel:

349 Durham Road | 215-750-4344 x 101
Monday, Wednesday: 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursday: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday (Donations Only): 10:00am-12:00pm

BCHG Pantry at Doylestown:

470 Old Dublin Pike | 215-345-4311 x 101
Wednesday: 5:30pm-8:00pm
Thursday: 10:30am-1:30pm
Sunday: 10:30am-1:00pm

BCHG Pantry at Milford Square:

2155 Milford Square Pike | 215-529-5519 x 101
Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:30pm

Main Office

Address: 1069 Jacksonville Road
Ivyland, PA 18974
Phone: 215-394-8259
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Web: www.bchg.org



"Closing the Door on Homelessness"



*A Guide to Food Donations
and Food Drives*

Planning a Food Drive

Here's all you need:

- Containers or boxes for donated items
- A drop off location for donated items
- Publicity

How

- Establish a drive committee or coordinator
- Establish Start and End dates
- Publicize via social media, flyers, posters, etc.

When

- Anytime!
- Hunger knows no season

Food drives are needed all year long!

What

- Plan a general drive or chose a theme around a holiday, a single food type or food group.

Where

- Anywhere, any organization-schools, business, places of worship, office parks, apartment complexes, stores, and neighborhoods, **even just for a day at your local food store!**

Why

- This type of service teaches valuable lessons about philanthropy and how a community supports each other.

Are you homeless?

*If you are homeless, or are facing eviction, please call **"The Bucks County Housing Link"** at:*

800-810-4434



-Follow guidelines suggested by organizers of the food drive.

Many drives make specific requests for the most needs goods. Emergency food providers have practical reasons for these requests.

-Check expiration dates!

Please leave out goods that are almost expired

-Include simple, basic food.

Consider food with easy, or no preparation.

-Consider the 4 Basic food Groups.

Fruits, Vegetables, Dairy, Meat (canned), Grains and Cereals. Low salt and sugar free items.

-Remember babies and children!

A high percentage of food pantry clientele are families with infants and young children.



51,834

Number of individuals served by our food pantries during 2016 Fiscal Year.

553,594

Pounds of food donated to our food pantries in one year (FY 16).

-Include only packages sealed by the manufacturer and pack food carefully.

Food items that are opened or damaged in transit it will be discarded.

-Avoid large and heavy items!

Bulk food items, like 10lb bags of rice or gallon size containers are hard for clients to transport.

-Plan ahead with supermarket 2 for 1 specials.

Take advantage of these cost saving promotions at local grocery stores. Keep one, donate the other.

-Consider volunteering to sort food or staff one of the pantries.

BCHG Community Food Pantries are entirely staffed by volunteers of all ages.

-Be Generous!

Remember the food pantries are open all year long.