



The Bridge Food and Diaper Bank

Donation Acceptance Policy

**This policy is to ensure all food is safe and usable. We follow Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin Food Donation Guide, feedingamericawi.org
Please review the guidelines below before donating.**

We Gladly Accept

Shelf-Stable Foods

- Canned fruits, vegetables, soups, beans, meats
- Pasta, rice, grains, boxed meals
- Peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal
- Baking items (flour, sugar, oil, spices)

Fresh & Refrigerated Foods

- Dairy products (unopened, within date)
- Eggs and produce from licensed producers
- Refrigerated items kept properly cold

Frozen Foods

- Commercially packaged meats, vegetables, meals (not thawed and refrozen)

Non-Food Items

- Hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Cleaning supplies
- Baby items (diapers, pull ups, bed pads, wipes)
- Formula and baby food—**unopened and within date**
- Incontinence products (underwear, briefs, poise pads, men's guards)
- Period supplies (menstrual pads, tampons, panty liners)

Items We Cannot Accept

For Safety Reasons

- Homegrown food or jarred/canned items
- Baby formula or food outside of the expiration date (federal law)
- Wild game or meat not processed in a USDA or state-inspected site
- Over-the-counter/Prescription drugs
- Foods that have been previously reheated or served on a buffet
- Fresh or frozen fish/shellfish/sushi that has not been packaged by a manufacturer
- Hazardous chemicals (antifreeze, pesticides/lawn fertilizers/etc.)
- Pet food

Other Items Not Accepted

- Alcohol, CBD/THC products
- Medications or supplements
- Used clothing or household goods, however they can be donated to Circle of Friends in Elkhorn, WI
- Baby equipment (car seats, cribs, etc.)

Donation Drop-Off

- Donations accepted during posted hours only
- Large donations should be scheduled
- Staff will inspect items before acceptance
- Items not meeting guidelines may be declined

**Thank you for helping your neighbors
build a bridge to a better tomorrow.**