

**Branford Food Resources**

*Updated May 5, 2021*



*For information about SNAP, WIC and other state- and federally-funded assistance programs, please contact your town's office of Social Services or call W&FLC to speak to a Referral Navigator.*

<b>Name: Agency on Aging, South Central Office: Grocery Shopping Program</b>	
<i>Se Habla Espanol</i>	
<b>Physical address:</b> 117 Washington Ave Ste 17, North Haven, CT 06437`	
<b>Who:</b>	Eligible residents of East Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Northford, Branford and Guilford. The client must meet these criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a senior</li> <li>2. Have a monthly income of \$1,500 or less</li> <li>3. Be homebound</li> </ul>
<b>What:</b>	A <u>one-time</u> resource of \$100 of free groceries and delivery. Volunteers do the shopping for the clients
<b>When/where:</b>	Once registered, the client would provide the grocery list to the office which would handle the shopping and delivery between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on a weekday
<b>How:</b>	Registration required: Contact for a required phone interview and form, c/o Tom Davis at tDavis@aoascc.org
<b>Phone:</b>	(203) 785-8533
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@aoascc.org">info@aoascc.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	N/A
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.aoascc.org/">https://www.aoascc.org/</a>

<b>Name: Branford Food Pantry (BFP) (Food Pantry)</b>	
<b>Physical address:</b> 30 Harrison Avenue, Branford	
<b>Who:</b>	All Branford residents: Residents will be asked to complete a registration form that requires confirmation of your Branford address (via a current utility bill, etc.).
<b>What:</b>	Registered families pick up groceries once weekly. All grocery pickup is done on a no-contact basis and bags are provided.

<b>When/where:</b>	Pick up times are Tuesdays 8:30-11 AM; Fridays 9:00 to 11:30 AM, and every first and third Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.  30 Harrison Avenue, Branford (same building as CDR and BHcare Clothing Bank).
<b>More info:</b>	Groceries can be delivered for home bound clients. Please call to arrange at 203-481-3663
<b>Phone:</b>	(203) 481-3663 Office hours are Tuesdays 8:30 – 11 AM and Fridays 9 – 11:30 AM
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Branford-Food-Pantry-Inc-557504234411091/">https://www.facebook.com/Branford-Food-Pantry-Inc-557504234411091/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.branfordfoodpantry.org/">http://www.branfordfoodpantry.org/</a>

<b>Name: Branford Public Schools</b>	
<b>Who:</b>	All children under the age of 18 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Note: Children do not need to reside in Branford
<b>What:</b>	Free breakfast and lunch meals
<b>How:</b>	For children not in the school buildings meals can be accessed at the remote learning pickup site at Branford High School.
<b>When/where:</b>	Branford High School, 185 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405. Drive around the school to a location well marked for food pick up.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.branford.k12.ct.us/">https://www.branford.k12.ct.us/</a>
<b>Contact:</b>	Food services office – (203) 315-6741

<b>NAME: Branford Counseling &amp; Community Services, a department of the Town of Branford</b>	
<b>Physical address:</b> 342 Harbor St., Branford, CT 06405	
<b>Who:</b>	Branford Residents
<b>What:</b>	Branford Social Services – Emergency Food aid - The BCCS assists qualified individuals and families with aid according to the Basic Needs Program
<b>When/where:</b>	Help and/or gift cards for local restaurants to be used as needed
<b>How:</b>	Interested residents are asked to complete and application form - <a href="https://www.branford-ct.gov/form/help-out-take-out-form">https://www.branford-ct.gov/form/help-out-take-out-form</a> .
<b>Contact:</b>	Branford Counseling & Community Services, (203) 481-
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BranfordCounseling/">https://www.facebook.com/BranfordCounseling/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/counseling-center/branford-social-services">https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/counseling-center/branford-social-services</a>

<b>NAME: Branford Senior Center – Canoe Brook Center</b>	
<b>Physical address:</b> 46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405	
<b>Who:</b>	Branford Residents, age 60 and older, who may be homebound or isolated and qualify for home delivered meals as determined by an assessment (but no income eligibility requirement).
<b>What:</b>	Elderly Nutrition Program – food delivery.
<b>When/where:</b>	Meals for multiple days are delivered once each week.
<b>How:</b>	Registration is required.
<b>Contact:</b>	Ellen Maron 203-315-0687 or Nancy Cohen 203-315-0684 for more information and registration.
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=canoe%20brook%20center%20branford%20ct">https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=canoe%20brook%20center%20branford%20ct</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center">https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center</a>

<b>NAME: Community Dining Room</b>	
Founded in 1985, the Community Dining Room (CDR) is a private, not-for-profit organization providing food, support and companionship to our shoreline neighbors.	
<i><a href="#">Se Habla Espanol</a></i>	
<b>Physical Address:</b> 30 Harrison Avenue, Branford, CT	

<b>Who:</b>	All Shoreline Residents from East Haven to Old Saybrook including the towns of East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook. All ages, no proof of income needed.
<b>What:</b>	Free take-out meals and a home delivery program
<b>When/where:</b>	Take-out meals - 30 Harrison Avenue, Branford - at the following times:  Lunches and Saturday Brunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday-Friday: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</li> <li>• Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM</li> </ul> Evening Meals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday Family Night Meal /"Kid's Night": 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Wednesday &amp; Friday Take-Out dinner by reservation: Call ahead to 203 488-9750: Pick up 1:00-3:00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Home delivery program: for Branford and North Branford residents:</b>	For Home delivery program: Call (203) 488-9750, ext. 3 to inquire and discuss re referrals and intake assessments. For Branford, deliveries are 3 days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: one hot meal and one frozen meal. For North Branford, deliveries are on Wednesdays: one hot and one frozen meal.
<b>Phone:</b>	(203) 488-9750
<b>E-mail:</b>	info@communitydiningroom.org
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CommunityDiningRoom06405/">https://www.facebook.com/CommunityDiningRoom06405/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://communitydiningroom.org/about/">https://communitydiningroom.org/about/</a>
<b>BONUS SUPPORT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDR provides Free Children's Books from 'Read to Grow'</li> <li>• Free table of non-perishable items available for anyone in need</li> <li>• Diaper Bank – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Registration required at Branford Early Learning Center – (203) 488-4512</li> </ul>

<b>Name: The CT Food Bank Dairy Express, a program of the Connecticut Food Bank</b>	
<i>Se Habla Espanol</i>	
<b>Physical address:</b>	CT Food Bank head office is at 2 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT.
<b>Who:</b>	CT Residents. Residents from any town may go to any delivery site which are generally held in Clinton, East Haven and Hamden
<b>What:</b>	Fresh milk and other dairy products
<b>When:</b>	In April 2021, the delivery schedule is not posted due to a change in the web site. CT Food Bank staff advise calling Connecticut's hot line 211 and specifically asking about the Dairy Express.
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:cfb@ctfoodbank.org">cfb@ctfoodbank.org</a>

<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CTFoodBank/">https://www.facebook.com/CTFoodBank/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/Connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/">http://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/Connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/</a>

<b>Name: The CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry, a program of the Connecticut Food Bank</b>	
<i>Se Habla Espanol</i>	
<b>Physical address:</b>	CT Food Bank head office is at 2 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT.
<b>Who:</b>	CT Residents. Residents from any town may go to any mobile food pantry. The closest pantries for Branford residents are generally held in Clinton, East Haven and Hamden
<b>What:</b>	Pre-packed food. Drive thru or take-away groceries in pre-packed bags.
<b>When/where:</b>	Schedule – Be sure to double check the web site ( <a href="https://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/">https://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/</a> ) for any last minute changes: <b>East Haven:</b> 3rd Thursdays of each month at 4pm – 5 p.m. East Haven High School, 35 Wheelbarrow Ln, East Haven  <b>Clinton:</b> 1st Fridays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Clinton Town Hall Annex, 48 E Main St, Clinton  <b>Old Saybrook:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. First Church of Christ in Saybrook, 366 Main Street, Old Saybrook  The Mobil Food Pantry also stops at least once a month in <b>Hamden as well as sites in New Haven</b> . Be sure to check the web site for the monthly schedules.
<b>How:</b>	<b><i>Be sure to check the website to see where the pantry is operating in the state. Go to:</i></b> <a href="https://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/">https://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/</a>
<b>More info:</b>	The distribution is a drive through pickup system, and participants must be able to get groceries into their own vehicles without assistance for everyone's safety. If that is not possible, the pantry directors request that clients send someone on their behalf or bring a household member for assistance.
<b>Contact:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Food pantry hotline</b> for <b>DAILY</b> information: (203) 741-9751 or 211 for the State schedule;</li> <li>• (For special accommodations or questions, please call at (860) 669-7347</li> <li>• Wallingford Main Office: (203) 469-5000</li> </ul>
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:cfb@ctfoodbank.org">cfb@ctfoodbank.org</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/CTFoodBank/">https://www.facebook.com/CTFoodBank/</a>

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/Connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/">http://www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/Connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/</a> Please note that the Mobile Pantry schedule is always subject to change, so check back regularly.
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<b>Name: Farmers to Family Food Boxes</b>	
Coordinated by the Town of Branford and the Branford Senior Center	
<b>Who:</b>	Branford Residents
<b>What:</b>	Perishable food: Each box contains 12 lbs. of fresh produce, 5 lbs. of packaged meat, 5 lbs. dairy products and 1 gallon of milk
<b>When/where:</b>	Occasional Distribution is on the 'First come, first served' basis. The occasional distributions are usually posted on the Facebook page.
<b>Phone:</b>	(203) 488-5404
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Branford-CT-595988293871640/">https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Branford-CT-595988293871640/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	Coordinated through the Town Hall and Senior Center – See <a href="https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center">https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center</a>

<b>Name: Feed Branford Kids</b>	
<b>Who:</b>	All Branford children ages 1-18.
<b>What:</b>	Free weekend meal/snack bags, for children ages 1-18. The bags contain two servings each of milk and juice as well as two easy-to-prepare breakfasts and lunches, together with two snacks
<b>When/where:</b>	Thursdays 5:00-6:00 PM at multiple locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branford Hills Park parking lot, Jefferson Road &amp; Burban Drive</li> <li>• Feed Branford Kids Warehouse, 29 Business Park Drive</li> <li>• Veteran's Memorial Park parking lot, 120 Brushy Plains Road</li> <li>• Trinity Church front steps, 1109 Main Street</li> </ul>
<b>How:</b>	No proof of income required. Just stop by to pick-up food.
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/feedbranfordkids/">https://www.facebook.com/feedbranfordkids/</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://feedBranfordKids.com">feedBranfordKids.com</a>

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