



# Host a Food Drive

## Tips for Success!

## Food Drives

Thank you for coordinating a food drive to support Bethlehem House of Bread. It's a fun and fulfilling way to help your neighbors in need, while bringing added awareness to hunger in our community. Food drives help collect our most-needed items like peanut butter and condiments, as well as specialty items such as alternative milks and other foods to support our Food For All program.

### 1 Choose Your Timeframe

Host your drive for a day, week or a month—you decide. Or combine it with an existing event. The most successful drives typically take place within a month or less.

### 2 Choose Your Audience

Decide what group you want to target or focus your outreach efforts. suggestions include:

- Neighbors
- Friends & Family
- Workplace Setting
- Broader Community (store, restaurant)
- Service Project (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)
- School (sporting event, play, other)

### 3 Choose A Theme

A theme can make it fun and give your food drive focus (though, it's not necessary). You can choose a theme that represents a holiday, such as Thanksgiving (Season of Giving), or collect specific types of food like peanut butter & jelly (Spread the Love). Ask us for ideas.

### 4 Make Flyers & Spread the Word

Promote your food drive with posters, flyers, emails and social media. Be sure to include when you'll pick up donations and any special details about your drive. If you need a flyer template, our logo, or other support materials, let us know.

### 5 Pick Up & Deliver the Goods

After you pick up the food donations, deliver it to us and we'll let you know the total pounds you collected. Be sure to share the results with your contributors. Also, importantly, don't forget to celebrate your efforts and success!

### Food We Cannot Accept

- Expired food
- Homemade items
- Unlabeled, damaged or dented cans
- Opened packages or used items
- Items with no nutritional or ingredient information



### Contact & Drop Off Address

Questions? Send us an email:  
[hello@bethlehemhouseofbread.org](mailto:hello@bethlehemhouseofbread.org)  
9055 SW Locust St., Tigard, OR 97223

### Collection Ideas

- Monthly Pantry Challenge
- Items to support Food For All
- Most-needed foods
- Personal hygiene items (like toilet paper)
- Dog and cat food

