



HOW TO HOST A FOOD DRIVE

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Hosting a food drive with The Food Shelf is fun and rewarding - these are some tips for success:

1. **Clear Communication:** Use clear and consistent messaging to inform people about the food drive's purpose, dates, drop-off locations, preferred food items, and impact.
2. **Engage Your Community:** Leverage social media, email, and word-of-mouth to spread the word about the food drive.
3. **Express Appreciation:** Show gratitude to donors and volunteers by publicly acknowledging their contributions.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP

Can't host a food drive? There are other ways you can contribute to the success of the Food Shelf at Shepherd of the Valley.

Pray for the ministry of the Food Shelf, the volunteers who serve, and our neighbors experiencing food insecurities.

Volunteer your time. Training is provided. Roles include weighing, sorting and shelving incoming food, packing bags, assisting shoppers, making phone calls, delivery, cleaning and restocking shelves, pick up rescue food from grocery stores.

Give a monetary donation. We have local partnerships that allow us to purchase food for a fraction of the cost of the grocery store.



To support the Apple Valley Food Shelf: a ministry of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church directly, use the QR code or visit sotv.org/give. In the fund dropdown choose 'Food Shelf' and designate your donation.

IDEAS AND THEMES FOR YOUR DRIVE

- Holiday baking ingredients
- Condiments
- March Madness
- Souper Bowl
- Winter warm-up (comfort foods)
- Giving Thanks (Thanksgiving)
- A taste of...(any country/region)
- Packers vs Vikings (or other challenges between classrooms, departments, teams, etc...)
- Pet food
- Build a sculpture/structure out of food
- Collect for a specific recipe or meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks)
- Fill the space (office, truck, box)
- Personal care items
- Household supplies
- Baby wipes and diapers

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Help in the moment. Hope for the future.

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