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Letter carriers plan special delivery to food banks

For more details on the food drive, visit www.bayarea.hunger.org.

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As Bay Area food banks are deluged with requests for help, an annual food drive will take place; and those who want to donate do not need to leave the comfort of their homes or businesses.

The 17th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers' (NALC) Drive takes place on Saturday, May 9.

Postal patrons can contribute by leaving a box or bag of nonperishable food by their mailboxes that morning.

The letter carriers transport the donated food to collection bins at one of 140 Bay Area post offices where it is trucked to

the local food banks, and then delivered food pantries, soup kitchens and community agencies.

Officials say calls to Bay Area food banks have skyrocketed.

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano has seen a 33 percent spike in households served through its food assistance program, and is also serving an average of 30 percent more people in both counties, the agency reported.

Alameda County Community Food Bank executive director Suzan Bateson said the area is so hard hit that it is in the midst of a "hunger epidemic."

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