County Connection food drive ends Thursday

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As Thanksgiving leftovers slowly disappear from refrigerators country-wide, the County Connection will encourage employees and passengers to think of those without turkey, stuffing or delicious side dishes.

Through Dec. 6, buses will become rolling collection points for those wishing to donate food to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. All buses will have plastic crates near the front of the bus to gather donations and when needed, road supervisors will meet buses on the road to empty crates that are full.

The most needed items are protein sources such as peanut butter and canned meats, all canned goods, dried beans, rice, pastas, iron rich cereal, tomato products and 100 percent fruit juice. Food Bank officials have asked that no glass containers be donated as they can easily break during transportation and sorting.

Last year, County Connection passengers and employees contributed over 850 pounds of food during the drive.