

## Food Barrel Guidelines 2024

Drop-offs (4+ barrels) and pick-ups are available Monday through Friday between 10 am and 2 pm. (Depends on city. Select Saturdays may be available for pre-approved, large-scale events only)

Community members requesting less than 4 barrels are requested to self-pick-up at one of our warehouses. This allows us to dedicate our drivers and trucks to our community food distribution programs.

The Food Bank will provide the following containers for use: branded 55-gallon barrels and cardboard totes (approx. 220 gallons). The use of any other type of food collection container is the responsibility of the donor.

### Cardboard Totes (holds 40 grocery bags of food or approximately 400 items)



### Barrels (hold approximately 10 grocery bags of food or 100 food items)



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Wrapping food barrels in gift wrap or any other material that covers our messaging is not allowed.

Damaged/stolen food barrels are subject to \$75 donation to replace the barrel. Please keep your barrel(s) safe and away from outside elements such as rain and rodents.

Delivery/pick-up requests must be made a minimum of 3 days in advance and are subject to a 5-business day waiting period, per our truck schedule and seasonal resource availability.

#### **Food Bank Pick-up Guidelines**

Food barrels must be full in order to schedule pick-up. Email [fooddrive@foodbankccs.org](mailto:fooddrive@foodbankccs.org) to schedule pick-up. We are not able to pre-schedule pick-ups.

Community members/organizations that have not collected at least one full food donation barrel will be invited to return the barrel and any collected food items to either of the Food Bank warehouses (Concord or Fairfield).

Delivery/pick-up is only available for ground floor locations. Location must have adequate parking and street level access or ramp for barrel transport equipment.

#### **One-day Food Drives**

Barrels and/or cardboard totes that are dropped off and picked up on the same day require a minimum collection of 8 barrels or 2 totes (approximately 800 food items).

#### **Year-round Food Barrel Locations**

Barrels must remain visible and accessible during public open hours. To ensure food is fresh, we recommend a minimum of 3 pickups per year.

The Food Bank's list of most-needed food donations is available on our website. Please, non-perishable items only, no glass, no homemade food, or open/expired food items.

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