



## **Food Industry Donation Fact Sheet**

MANNA FoodBank depends upon the generosity of the food industry. MANNA devotes our resources to recovering excess products from manufacturers, wholesalers, growers, packers, distributors, supermarkets, and trucking companies.

### **Benefits of Product Donation**

Donating food creates many benefits for your business and our community.

- Reduce storage and disposal fees
- Your donation may be tax deductible
- Enhance inventory control by reducing hard-to-move inventory and unsaleables
- Boost employee morale and foster community goodwill
- Protect your brand integrity
- Put products to good use instead of to waste

### **Accepted Products**

We are able to accept all types of fresh, dry, refrigerated, and frozen foods. Non-food items such as paper products, cleaning supplies, and health and beauty aids are also accepted.

We gladly accept product that is safe for consumption, yet unsaleable due to:

- Close code dates
- Mis-labeled products
- Surplus production
- Discontinued products
- Shipping errors
- Un-harvested or post-peak produce
- Cosmetic damages
- Imperfect packaging
- Production flaws

### **Who Benefits from Food Donations?**

MANNA FoodBank distributes the products to charitable organizations that feed people in need throughout Western North Carolina. These include: food pantries; homeless shelters; soup kitchens; day care centers; and senior citizen feeding programs.

### **Donor Protection**

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, passed by Congress in 1996, protects citizens and businesses in good faith donate apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product to a nonprofit organization for distribution to people in need.

### **Quick and Professional Response**

We can respond quickly, usually by the next business day. Pallet exchange can be provided. We have a fleet of dock high, refrigerated vehicles and full-time drivers. Our warehouse has a 500 pallet capacity, with a 40 pallet drive-in freezer and 37 pallet drive-in cooler.

Thousands of community volunteers inspect, clean, sort, label, and repack donations.

**Safe Food Handling**

Your food donation is in good hands. We have nearly thirty years of safe food handling experience. Key FoodBank staff and all certified member agencies are trained in safe food handling.

**Call today to schedule a pick-up! (828) 299-FOOD (3663)**  
**Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm**  
**After-hours and weekends, please call (828) 775-1082**