



THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

Administrator: North Carolina Department of Agriculture

Eligibility: Manna Foodbank Partner Agencies

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a supplemental food program for food pantries. All TEFAP food is free to MANNA partner agencies, and is allocated twice monthly. Clients are eligible for TEFAP food if they currently receive FNS benefits (Food Stamps) or make less than 200% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Criteria for TEFAP eligible pantries:

1. Agencies in good standing with MANNA FoodBank.
2. Adequate storage for dry, refrigerated, and frozen goods.
3. Pest control services performed at least quarterly.
4. Ability to comply with all MANNA, NCDA, and USDA TEFAP rules and regulations, including making changes to the agency's program as needed to stay in compliance.
5. A consistent record of on-time and accurate monthly reporting of client statistics, with little to no assistance needed from MANNA FoodBank. Reporting is due no later than the 7th of each month, even if there was no activity during the previous month.
6. Safe food handling practices and maintains current food safety training.
7. Ability to keep all TEFAP documentation for no less than five years Open to monitor visits by MANNA, NCDA, and USDA representatives.

If you believe your agency satisfies the criteria for the TEFAP program and would like to request to join the program, please contact MANNA FoodBank at (828)-299-3663 and ask about joining the TEFAP program.

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