



Large-Scale Food Donations & Grocery Rescue Donations

About Community Food Share

Community Food Share's mission is to eliminate hunger in Boulder and Broomfield Counties through engagement, collaboration, and leadership. There are 43,000 people who are food insecure in Boulder and Broomfield Counties — that **means 1 in 8 people lack consistent access to the food they need.**

The faces of hunger may surprise you:

My husband works two jobs and I babysit, but we still struggle to support our family. I'm very glad to be able to count on a place like Community Food Share, where I can come in on a weekly basis. They provide fresh produce, dairy items, snacks, and gluten-free items for my family. My husband and I have one less thing to worry about because we know we will receive the food we need. I really wouldn't know what would happen to us if such a place did not exist. I would hate to decide between paying a utility bill or buying groceries. Thank you for all you do.

— Client from Feeding Families, Community Food Share's Onsite Pantry

Community Food Share annually distributes more than **10 million pounds of food** through a network of over **40 non-profit organizations** that provide meals and groceries, and through our own programs that directly serve low-income families and seniors. We focus on nutritious foods like fresh produce, protein, and dairy — last year, 75% of the food we distributed was in these categories.

This food comes from many sources:

- Retailers
- Wholesalers
- Manufacturers
- Farmers and Ranchers
- USDA
- Purchased Product
- Individual Donors
- Community Food Drive

How Food Donation Works

Community Food Share sends refrigerated trucks to retailers, grocers, manufacturers, distribution warehouses, and farms. Rather than discard surplus food, these establishments freeze, refrigerate, or safely store the food while employing the highest standards in professional food handling.

Donations are made up of quality products produced, prepared, or purchased in excess of our donors' needs, such as frozen meat, produce, and other items essential for nutritious meals.

Community Food Share safely transports products to our warehouse where volunteers sort the product for distribution to our Partner Agencies and the clients we serve.

Unlike many food banks across the country, Community Food Share does **not** charge a service or handling fee to our Partner Agencies, because we know that every dollar a program saves on food can be devoted to assistance with housing, healthcare, education, and other basic needs.

What to Donate

Food businesses donate food that is not profitable to sell, close-dated, overstock, seasonal, or cosmetically damaged. Many perishable food items are nearing the end of their shelf life so they are rescued and delivered within 24-48 hours.

Food Items That Make Great Donations:

- Frozen meat or fresh produce deemed aesthetically unfit for patrons, or rotated out of inventory, but still wholesome and nutritious
- Prepared/perishable goods
- Close-dated products
- OTC items
- Frozen/refrigerated goods
- Private-label product
- Bulk
- Food service packaged items
- Seasonal and promotional items
- Discontinued goods

Non-Food Items That Make Great Donations:

- Household cleaning items
- Health/beauty aids
- Paper products
- Boxes, bags, totes, and pallets
- Equipment

Unsure if we can accept your items?

Contact our director of operations, Ryan Yarrow, at (303) 652-3663 ext. 222 or ryarrow@communityfoodshare.org.

Our Commitment to Food Safety

We are food professionals, and we adhere to strict food safety handling procedures among our staff, our fleet, and our facilities.

Our Staff

Our drivers and our warehouse staff are required to be ServSafe Certified. They are trained in industry best practices, including guidelines from Feeding America and AIB International.

Our Fleet

We use refrigerated vehicles to transport food.

Our Facilities

Our 40,035-ft² warehouse is equipped with 2,772-ft² in cooler space and 1,848-ft² in freezer space, as well as racked storage. We are regularly inspected by AIB International, Feeding America, the State Department of Health, and the County Health Department. We are also under the jurisdiction of the USDA, FDA, and Colorado Department of Agriculture.



Donor Protection

There are several state and federal laws that protect donors from liability, including the [Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#).

Donor Benefits

In addition to the knowledge that your company has helped feed our neighbors in need, you receive the following benefits:

- **Save on dumping costs and disposal fees**
We offer product pick-up with our refrigerated trucks.
- **Reduce waste and increase sustainability within your business and our community**
40% of food in the United States goes to waste. In addition to the negative impact this statistic has on the fight against hunger in America, it carries significant environmental implications: wasted food is rotting in landfills, representing the single largest component of U.S. municipal solid waste.
- **Increase warehouse and/or storage space**
- **Improve employee engagement**
We offer a variety of group volunteer activities that build team cohesion and boost company morale. We can also provide educational materials on hunger, give a presentation to staff at your location, or host your group for a tour of our facility.
- **Receive tax benefits**
Federal tax laws provide most donors with tax benefits for the contribution of food to Community Food Share, and we are happy to provide receipts and reporting for tax deductions. It is recommended each donor consult with their accountant or tax advisor in order to determine the exact charitable deduction to which they may be entitled.

Become a Donor

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