



# HOW TO HOST A FOOD DRIVE

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Hosting a food drive with The Food Shelf is fun and rewarding - these are some tips for success:

1. **Clear Communication:** Use clear and consistent messaging to inform people about the food drive's purpose, dates, drop-off locations, preferred food items, and impact.
2. **Engage Your Community:** Leverage social media, email, and word-of-mouth to spread the word about the food drive.
3. **Express Appreciation:** Show gratitude to donors and volunteers by publicly acknowledging their contributions.

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP

Can't host a food drive? There are other ways you can contribute to the success of the Food Shelf at Shepherd of the Valley.

**Pray** for the ministry of the Food Shelf, the volunteers who serve, and our neighbors experiencing food insecurities.

**Volunteer your time.** Training is provided. Roles include weighing, sorting and shelving incoming food, packing bags, assisting shoppers, making phone calls, delivery, cleaning and restocking shelves, pick up rescue food from grocery stores.

**Give a monetary donation.** We have local partnerships that allow us to purchase food for a fraction of the cost of the grocery store.



To support the Apple Valley Food Shelf: a ministry of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church directly, use the QR code or visit [sotv.org/give](https://sotv.org/give). In the fund dropdown choose 'Food Shelf' and designate your donation.

## IDEAS AND THEMES FOR YOUR DRIVE

- Holiday baking ingredients
- Condiments
- March Madness
- Souper Bowl
- Winter warm-up (comfort foods)
- Giving Thanks (Thanksgiving)
- A taste of...(any country/region)
- Packers vs Vikings (or other challenges between classrooms, departments, teams, etc...)
- Pet food
- Build a sculpture/structure out of food
- Collect for a specific recipe or meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks)
- Fill the space (office, truck, box)
- Personal care items
- Household supplies
- Baby wipes and diapers

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