



WE DON'T WASTE

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WE DON'T WASTE FOOD DONATION GUIDELINES FOR DONORS

To make a food donation, please contact us at 720-443-6113 or info@wedontwaste.org

1. All food to be provided by Food Donor shall be kept under proper time/temperature requirements and handled so as to maintain the integrity of the food for use at a later time. **At no time will We Don't Waste accept hot food or food that has been previously served (e.g. buffet style).**
2. Providers are requested to supply a minimum of **250 servings of food**. This amount may be calculated in the aggregate by each Provider. Donated products that can be delivered to the We Don't Waste Distribution Center may be less than this amount. Deliveries can be made to our Distribution Center **by appointment only**.
3. Protein, shelf stable items, fresh fruit, and vegetables are in high demand. We Don't Waste can accept whole, uncut produce as well as any food that is unopened and in the original packaging with a clear use by, sell by, freeze by, or expiration date. Cut produce that is not in original manufacturer packaging is considered prepared food. Please see the next item for more information.
4. Prepared food product shall be segregated from any other food for donation and shall be placed in a disposable aluminum pan, **properly cooled, wrapped, labeled, and dated with the identity of the food contained**. Lexi food containers, or Ziplock bags may be used depending on product. It is preferred that any prepared food be frozen before being donated. We are not able to accept prepared food donations of shellfish.
5. Freezer space at We Don't Waste is limited, so please connect with a We Don't Waste staff member before making a donation so we can confirm that we have enough room to store it.
6. We Don't Waste can only accept raw meat if it is frozen, in the original packaging, and has a clear use by, sell by, freeze by, or expiration date.
7. We **cannot accept** the following items:
 - Dairy products that are more than 3 days past the expiration date
 - Bulging or heavily dented cans
 - Moldy, slimy, or inedible produce
 - Cross-contaminated items
 - Unsealed or open items
 - Items not held at proper temperatures
 - Frozen items more than 9 months past the expiration date
 - Canned or non-perishables more than 3 years past the expiration date
 - Sprouts
 - Soda syrup/concentrate
 - Canned or fermented foods not prepared in a commercial kitchen
 - Alcohol
 - Hot food that has not been cooled
 - Any other food that is not safe to be consumed by humans.



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8. We Don't Waste accepts most items past the expiration date with some exceptions. If you have expired items that you would like to donate, please contact a We Don't Waste staff member to determine if we are able to accept the product.
9. Time and Temperature controlled food items that have been outside of refrigeration for more than two hours will be considered not properly maintained for food safety purposes. Individuals preparing food must rely on generally accepted food safety guidelines.
10. Each Provider shall be responsible for supplying We Don't Waste with the donated value of each product type, as We Don't Waste consistent with the IRS cannot determine the value of donated product.