



Extra Helpings Feeding Program

Ten years after our inception in 1991, Daily Bread Food Bank (Our Original Name) embarked on a program called Extra Helpings whereby surplus prepared foods from hotels, restaurants, caterers and supermarkets that would normally be discarded are captured and channeled back to needy people in the communities we serve. This simple principle is an extension of our philosophy; reduce hunger by reducing waste; feeding people who are food insecure.

Through our Extra Helpings Program, Feeding South Florida use a refrigerated truck, which goes out on a daily basis to licensed donors and captures prepared meals then immediately delivers it to non-profit member agencies with feeding programs. Feeding South Florida adheres to the following principles in order to operate an efficient and effective program:

- Due to licensing restriction, prepared foods are never brought to the Feeding South Florida warehouse but are immediately delivered to member agencies.
- The Good Samaritan Law protects donors from any liability.
- Foods are picked-up within 24 hours and delivered the same day.

This is a wonderful program that speaks to the founding philosophy of food banks; reduce hunger by reducing waste! Extra Helpings is a win-win program for everyone! This programs currently serves Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

There are currently 15 agencies participating in the Extra Helpings Program. This program was awarded a grant of \$20,000.00 by the Jarden Foundation in 2006. Feeding South Florida are looking into the various ways this program can be expanded and enriched to the advantage of those served.

Donation guidelines

Here are our food donation guidelines for fresh, refrigerated, frozen, prepared and packaged foods. Feeding South Florida gratefully accepts perishable and prepared foods maintained in safe temperature zones and chilled or frozen before being donated..

Food Products	Preferred Packaging	Storage Conditions**	Non-Acceptable Conditions***
PREPARED FOODS	Packaged separately Securely closed Avoid spillage	Chilled, 40°F or less Frozen, 0°F or less	Mixing food types e.g. meats and side dishes
Sandwiches	Wrapped in clear plastic wrap or foil	Chilled, 40°F or less	Stale/hard bread Encrusted filling
BAKED GOODS Fresh or day-old bread and/or bagels	Must use plastic ziplock bags or foil pans & keep separate from other baked goods	Cool, dry area	Stale/hard
Muffins, Pastries cookies	Pack in own paper boxes avoid crumbling	Cool, dry area	Stale/hard bread
PREPACKAGED FOODS Perishable	Packaged separately Securely closed	Chilled, 40°F or less	Opened, punctured, bulging or damaged packaging
Non-perishable (mislabelled-ok with proper notification)	Packaged separately Securely closed	Cool, dry area	Opened, punctured, bulging or damaged packaging
FROZEN Dairy, Pastries Factory-prepared	Packaged separately Securely closed	Frozen, 0°F or less	Defrosted, punctured, opened or damaged packaging; Severe freezer burn
Vegetables, Meat, Poultry, Fish	Packaged separately Securely closed	Frozen, 0°F or less	Defrosted or damaged packaging; Severe freezer burn
Dairy	Individually wrapped Clear plastic wrap	Refrigerated at all times	Damaged packaging
Milk	Securely closed	Refrigerated at all times 40°F or less	Damaged packaging
Meat, Poultry, Fish (Fresh)	Original packaging Clear plastic bags or foil trays	Refrigerated at all times 40°F or less	Strong odor Discoloration
Frozen	Original packaging Clear plastic wrap or foil trays	Frozen at all times 40°F or less	Damaged packaging
FRESH PRODUCE Whole	Bag or carton	Cool, dry area	Significant decay
Chopped	Bag each vegetable separately	Chilled, 40°F or less	Color change or decay
BEVERAGES Perishable	Securely closed bag or carton	Chilled, 40°F or less	Alcohol not accepted
Non-Perishable	Bag or carton	Cool, dry, unopened	Opened, punctured, bulging

- Packaging: We supply clear, food grade bags. If you are able to provide your own disposable packaging for donations that require more than plastic bag, you help Daily Bread food Bank use its resources most effectively. However, we don't want packaging to get in the way of your good intentions. Call us. at (954)518-1830
- ** Chilled perishable food should be below 40°F except during necessary times of preparation or while being held for service which may not exceed two hours.
- *** We do not accept any products that contain alcohol.

Sincerely,
Alex Rendon
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§ 1791. Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act

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(a) Short title

This section may be cited as the “Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act”.

(b) Definitions

As used in this section:

(1) Apparently fit grocery product

The term “apparently fit grocery product” means a grocery product that meets all quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal, State, and local laws and regulations even though the product may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions.

(2) Apparently wholesome food

The term “apparently wholesome food” means food that meets all quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal, State, and local laws and regulations even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions.

(3) Donate

The term “donate” means to give without requiring anything of monetary value from the recipient, except that the term shall include giving by a nonprofit organization to another nonprofit organization, notwithstanding that the donor organization has charged a nominal fee to the donee organization, if the ultimate recipient or user is not required to give anything of monetary value.

(4) Food

The term “food” means any raw, cooked, processed, or prepared edible substance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended for use in whole or in part for human consumption.

(5) Gleaner

The term “gleaner” means a person who harvests for free distribution to the needy, or for donation to a nonprofit organization for ultimate distribution to the needy, an agricultural crop that has been donated by the owner.

(6) Grocery product

The term “grocery product” means a nonfood grocery product, including a disposable paper or plastic product, household cleaning product, laundry detergent, cleaning product, or miscellaneous household item.

(7) Gross negligence

The term “gross negligence” means voluntary and conscious conduct (including a failure to act) by a person who, at the time of the conduct, knew that the conduct was likely to be harmful to the health or well-being of another person.

(8) Intentional misconduct

The term “intentional misconduct” means conduct by a person with knowledge (at the time of the conduct) that the conduct is harmful to the health or well-being of another person.

(9) Nonprofit organization

The term “nonprofit organization” means an incorporated or unincorporated entity that—

(A) is operating for religious, charitable, or educational purposes; and

(B) does not provide net earnings to, or operate in any other manner that inures to the benefit of, any officer, employee, or shareholder of the entity.

(10) Person

The term “person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization, association, or governmental entity, including a retail grocer, wholesaler, hotel, motel, manufacturer, restaurant, caterer, farmer, and nonprofit food distributor or hospital. In the case of a corporation, partnership, organization, association, or governmental entity, the term includes an officer, director, partner, deacon, trustee, council member, or other elected or appointed individual responsible for the governance of the entity.

(c) Liability for damages from donated food and grocery products

(1) Liability of person or gleaner

A person or gleaner shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that the person or gleaner donates in good faith to a nonprofit organization for ultimate distribution to needy individuals.

(2) Liability of nonprofit organization

A nonprofit organization shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that the nonprofit organization received as a donation in good faith from a person or gleaner for ultimate distribution to needy individuals.

(3) Exception

Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply to an injury to or death of an ultimate user or recipient of the food or grocery product that

results from an act or omission of the person, gleaner, or nonprofit organization, as applicable, constituting gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

(d) Collection or gleaning of donations

A person who allows the collection or gleaning of donations on property owned or occupied by the person by gleaners, or paid or unpaid representatives of a nonprofit organization, for ultimate distribution to needy individuals shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability that arises due to the injury or death of the gleaner or representative, except that this paragraph shall not apply to an injury or death that results from an act or omission of the person constituting gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

(e) Partial compliance

If some or all of the donated food and grocery products do not meet all quality and labeling standards imposed by Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, the person or gleaner who donates the food and grocery products shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability in accordance with this section if the nonprofit organization that receives the donated food or grocery products—

- (1) is informed by the donor of the distressed or defective condition of the donated food or grocery products;
- (2) agrees to recondition the donated food or grocery products to comply with all the quality and labeling standards prior to distribution; and
- (3) is knowledgeable of the standards to properly recondition the donated food or grocery product.

(f) Construction

This section shall not be construed to create any liability. Nothing in this section shall be construed to supercede State or local health regulations.