

United Way of Western Connecticut-Day of Action 2020

Community Food Drive

To Benefit the Danbury Food Collaborative

Friday, August 7, 2 pm to 6 pm &
Saturday, August 8, 9 am to 12 noon

Danbury Fair Mall, 7 Backus Avenue, Danbury, CT



Food Pantries in Greater Danbury desperately need our help. 2-1-1 received **5 times** as many calls for food assistance in Fairfield County between March and June of 2020 than it did during the same time last year. Feeding America predicts that food insecurity could increase in Connecticut by **44 percent**, from 11 percent of the state's population to 16 percent, as a result of unemployment and economic dislocation due to the pandemic.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING HEALTHY FOOD ITEMS IN BOXES OR CANS:

All rices & grains; long grain, white, brown, wild, quinoa, couscous, barley
Peanut butter, including natural
Jelly
Canned tuna
Pastas including whole grain
Pasta Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese*

Beef Stew*
Chili *
All beans – (dried/canned) lentils, black beans, kidney, lima, black-eye, navy, garbanzo, pinto
All canned vegetables and potatoes*
Canned fruit, in light syrup or packed in natural juice
Soups including Ramen Noodles*

Cereal – boxed or bagged, whole grains*
Oatmeal
Laundry Detergent, cleaning supplies
Hand soap & sanitizer
Diapers baby & adult
Feminine hygiene products

*To encourage healthier eating, please consider providing low sodium or low sugar options.

**When possible, please refrain from donating items in glass jars.

***Please also note, per health code we cannot accept expired items.

CONTACT-FREE DONATION PROCESS. Donations will be collected via a drive through in the mall parking lot located off the main entrance, facing Backus Avenue (closest to LL Bean). Look for the tent. Volunteers will remove your donations from your vehicle trunk. No need to get out of your vehicle.

TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, visit the Danbury Food Collaborative website at www.uwwesternct.org/danburyfoodcollaborative

If you are interested volunteering for the Community Food Drive, or have questions, please contact **Stacy Schulman** at stacy.schulman@uwwesternct.org or 203-826-8479.

DID YOU KNOW?

Donations to food pantries from the grocery store industry were down **70%** during the pandemic, because grocery store shelves were being cleared out by consumers. Meanwhile, demand on food pantries was greater than ever, because of the dramatic rise in unemployment.

Help us restock the pantries in Greater Danbury! Let's reduce food insecurity in our community!

Thank you!



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