

Monthly Spotlight



Recently PlaneSense, Inc. held their own food drive and donated the 2,630 pounds of food to the NH Food Bank. The donation was specially delivered to Manchester Boston Regional Airport using one of their airplanes. Governor Chris Sununu and Congressman Chris Pappas joined NH Food Bank staff to help unload the plane. This annual donation is always an interesting and fun event for all in attendance.



A Program of Catholic Charities NH

700 EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin'

February 2019

Current Resident or

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MANCHESTER, NH
PERMIT NO. 37



Safe Food Handling

All Agencies are **required** to have at least one representative attend a Safe Food Handling Class. Your Program Director/Coordinator must submit a written request, with the names of attendees to: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Upcoming Classes

Wednesday, February 13th @ 10am

Tuesday, March 19th @ 10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME New Agencies

Girls At Work
Manchester

PACE Career Academy
Allentown

NHFOODBANK.ORG | 603-669-9725

New Shopper Orientation

Your Program Director/Coordinator must submit in writing, the names of any shoppers to be added or removed for your agency to: jcheney@nhfoodbank.org

Sign up early, spots fill up quickly!

Upcoming Classes

Tuesday, February 5th @ 10am

Thursday, March 14 @ 1pm

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

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Food Bank Closings

Monday, February 18th: Presidents' Day
 Friday, April 19th: Good Friday

Let's Go Patriots!!!



SNAP Notice

We are constantly thinking of the clients who depend on the services of our Food Bank agencies. The ramifications of the government shutdown, although it is now over at least until February 15th, will be felt at your pantry, especially by your SNAP clients. Enclosed this month you will find a flyer from "No Kid Hungry" answering many questions. SNAP recipients are counseled to keep in mind that the February benefits (made accessible as of January 20th) will still need to last through the remainder of February. Local food resources are always available on the NH Food Bank website, and our SNAP Outreach Coordinator will continue to assist with applications.

Call Lynne Lorentsen with any questions regarding SNAP at 669-9725 x 1124. For questions about client's current SNAP/Food Stamp case, call the NH Dept. of Human Services at 271-9700.

Fresh Rescue

Please let us know if you have any changes to your Fresh Rescue weekly schedule. This includes removing or adding a day from your weekly rotation, or also if you are no longer receiving certain items during your visit.

A Note From Agency Relations

We will be updating our computer system this Spring. Please let us know of any changes to your program's address, contact person, email, etc. so that we can update and start fresh with the new system.

Mystyna, Emily and Jocelyn

Safe Food Handling

Q: Can I open a large bag of rice and divide it into smaller bags for my clients?

A: No. When it comes to bulk packaging such as large bags of rice, sugar, dry beans, etc., NH Food Bank and SAFE Food Handling rules do not allow you to repackage food into smaller packages. The safe food handling and storage requirements are aimed at keeping foods free of allergens and preventing food born illnesses. Opening manufacturers packaging and putting food into plastic bags or other containers will not keep food safe.

All non-produce that is distributed must be in the manufacturer's original sealed packing and contain the original label. The law prohibits the distribution of any food item (except fresh fruit and vegetables) without a label. The label information must be clearly displayed and easily understood by the average person. Labels must have the following information: the common name of the product, the name and place of business for the Manufacturing Packer or Distributor, the net quantity of the contents and the ingredients must be listed by their common or usual names in decreasing order of their predominance by weight. Any program found to be in violation of this can be at risk of losing their NH Food Bank membership.

Q: How often do I need to check the temperatures on my agency's refrigerator and freezer?

A: The NH Food Bank recommends that you check and document your refrigerator and freezer temperatures at least once a week (Temperature logs are to be kept on file). This is done to verify that your equipment is staying within proper food storage guidelines and so that none of your food has been exposed to unsafe temperatures. The proper temperature for a refrigerator is between 32-41° F, while the proper temperature for a freezer is at or below 31° F.

If you are in need of any new thermometers (pictured at right), please contact the Agency Relations team and we will get you some.



Agency Express reminders

- Delivery Agencies: If you are unsure of your delivery date or need to verify, you can click on the "Order Options" tab and select "Scheduler". There you will see your next two delivery dates listed in Green. Any changes to your normal monthly delivery schedule will be emailed to you and are reflected within the date listed on the Scheduler.
- If you need to check that your order was submitted correctly or verify the date and time that you selected for your appointment pickup, click on the "Order Options" tab and select "Order Management". There you will see all of your previous orders including the newest one. If you would like to see an itemized list of an order, click on the Printer icon to the left of the order.
- For pickup orders (at the NH Food Bank), schedule your appointment before placing your order. You will not be able to select an appointment time in the "My Appointment" box at check out. This box is only for verifying your appointment time that you have already selected.