

Monthly Spotlight



In preparation for Easter, New Life Assembly of God Food Pantry distributed over a hundred premade Easter Baskets for many children in their community. Each basket contained chocolate and assorted candies, bubbles, a stuffed animal, and various age appropriate toys. All the parents in attendance were very grateful for this gift to their children this year.

The pantry, located in Raymond, also provided each family with all the items needed to make a full Easter dinner which benefitted 280 people in their community.



700 EAST INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE
MANCHESTER, NH 03109

What's Cookin' May 2019

Current Resident or

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
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

Friday, May 24th @10am
Tuesday, June 25th @10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

WELCOME New Agencies

LISTEN Food Pantry
Lebanon

The Doorway at Granite Pathways
Manchester

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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

Wednesday, May 15th @1pm
Thursday, June 6th @10am

Please arrive 10 minutes early.

May 2019

Food Bank Closings

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day
 Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day

Quotable

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."
 -Jane Goodall

Upcoming Distribution Events

NHFB Fresh Food Pantries
 700 E. Industrial Park Dr., Manchester
 Wednesdays @ 4:30 until October 16th

Mobile Food Pantry
 52 Ash St., Nashua
 Wednesday, May 8th @ 4:00

Mobile Food Pantry
 2 Central St., Franklin
 Thursday, July 25th @ 4:00

Appointment Times

When picking up a food order at the NHFB, please stick to your chosen pickup appointment time. You are given a 20 minute time slot and if you are late, it will affect the amount of time you have to shop the floor. There are only two programs allowed on the shopping floor at a time, so your time slot does affect other shoppers. If you are running late or need to change your appointment, please contact Debbie at ext. 1110.

A Note From Agency Relations

We hope you had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying the milder weather. When making a payment please be sure to note the letters AR (Accounts Receivable) and your program number on the Memo line. This will ensure that your check is properly processed. Thank you.
 Mystyna, Emily and Jocelyn

Safe Food Handling

To ensure the safest possible conditions for your clients, all meat that is distributed to the public should be done so frozen. This is both a food safety rule and also a requirement of the NH Food Bank. When meat is distributed frozen, it encourages clients to store the meat in their freezer until they are ready to use it and prolongs the life of the product as well as keeping it within the safest storage state.

Meat that is frozen can be stored for up to a year in solid form, while ground meat can be frozen for up to 4 months. If the meat is distributed thawed, clients may allow it to sit in their refrigerator too long past the time frame where it is no longer usable and it can potentially become contaminated. Please also remember that you are not to break down any bulk packaging in order to redistribute into smaller packaging for use by multiple clients.

If you are an agency that receives meat from a grocery store through the Fresh Rescue program and find that the meat you receive is not frozen, please let us know. This is a requirement of the stores and we need to be sure that you are receiving the donations in keeping with food safety guidelines.

Food Bank Shopping Requirements

All active Food Bank programs are required to shop at the NHFB or place an online order (for pickup or delivery) a minimum of 3x a year. If you are an agency that only does the Fresh Rescue program, your monthly reporting does count towards your required minimum as well.

Programs that do not meet this annual requirement will be issued a written reminder and then inactivated after a designated timeframe. The same programs will also be ineligible to receive turkeys for Thanksgiving if they have not shopped within the calendar year.

Agency Express Limits

There is a limit of **six cases of protein** allowed per online order per week.

This is indicated within the product description for all Protein items. This is an NH Food Bank rule. The Agency Express ordering system will allow you to select more than six cases, but it is up to you to limit the order when six cases are reached. Starting in May, if an order is submitted requesting more than six cases of protein, the order will be rejected by the system and you will be notified via email or phone. You then will need to wait until the following week to place a new order.

Item No.	Description
PROTEIN08	# Poultry, Turkey, Breasts, Wings, Legs Maximum of 6 total on Protein items