



**Community
Connections**
REVELSTOKE SOCIETY

Food Bank and Food Recovery Info Sheet for Donors

The Community Connections Food Bank distributes groceries and meals to households experiencing food insecurity. We have three weekly distribution times where clients can collect a variety of items. The Food Bank is an essential service for many community members who are facing unaffordability and food insecurity in Revelstoke.

The Food Bank is run in conjunction with our Food Recovery Program. We collect recovered food from the grocery stores daily, and from other various food outlets sporadically. To date (2022), we have recovered more than 750,000 lbs of food, which would have otherwise ended up in the landfill. The Community Connections' Neighbourhood Kitchen allows us to process food recovery which needs to be used up immediately. More than 50% of all food produced in Canada is wasted, our food recovery program makes a small dent in that number.

How to donate?

Food donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Building, 416 2nd St W. Perishable foods can be dropped off Monday to Thursday 9am -3pm, Friday 9am-12pm. Non-perishable foods can be left in the donation bin at anytime.

If you are having a special event where you expect to have food recovery, please contact us in advance so that we can arrange for a pickup or drop off.

Please refer to our donation guidelines to understand what we can and cannot accept.

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Community Connections' Outreach Building & Food Bank - 416 2nd St West, Revelstoke BC

Hours; Mon-Thurs 9:00am - 3:00pm & Fri 9:00 am - 12:00pm





Donation Guidelines

There are some general guidelines to foods we do NOT accept which are as follows;

- × Foods served to patrons (i.e. leftovers) - whether opened or not
- × Foods left over from self-serve salad bars or other self-serve displays
- × Spoiled foods
- × Opened foods such as half-used condiments or opened jars
- × Home prepared foods, or foods that have not been prepared in a food safe kitchen
- × Potentially hazardous foods left out for long periods without appropriate temperature controls
- × Insect or rodent infested or chemically contaminated foods
- × Basic ingredients that have not been stored according to manufacturer's instructions
- × Canned items that have exceeded a year past their expiration date

Some examples of food recovery donations are as follows;

- ✓ Produce, dairy, or bread which won't be used before it spoils
- ✓ Meat cooked and uncooked
 - Meat must be fully frozen before its expiration date if uncooked
- ✓ On occasion we will accept opened foods which are low-risk
 - I.e. Open bags of bulk nuts or baking goods from a food safe kitchen
- ✓ Expired canned items which are not past one year of their expiration date
- ✓ Prepared foods which have not been served
 - I.e. Backup trays of food which have not been placed on a buffet

We always encourage donors to contact us with questions about donations before choosing to throw away the food items.

