

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does a can of food weigh?

A typical 10-15 oz can of food weighs almost a pound

2. How many pounds can a food bank barrel hold?

A barrel can hold between 125-150 pounds of mixed food items. This includes a mixture of canned items, boxed goods and some bagged foods. However, if you fill a barrel with only canned goods, you will find that a barrel can hold 200 + pounds of food.

3. Why can't you pick up my food tomorrow?

High Plains Food Bank wants to run the most efficient operation possible, making the best use of our donor dollars. Because of this, our drivers are pre-scheduled to be in specific areas each day of the week. It is recommended that you schedule a pickup or delivery of barrels at least a week ahead of time.



4. Do you have any media contacts that can help support my food drive?

High Plains Food Bank wants your food drive to be successful. However, we will be unable to contact media for each specific food drive. We will be more than happy to give you any assistance in contacting the media and can provide you with a list of media contacts. You can send an e-mail to Zack Wilson at zack@hpfb.org for this media list at any time.

5. Would you rather that I donate money or food?

High Plains Food Bank values all donations. Food drives provide some of the healthiest and highest-quality food we receive. Food donations also provide a direct connection between donors and people who are hungry.

Cash donations keep our freezers running and our trucks on the road. They also support innovative programs that address the root causes of hunger through advocacy and public education. Only 6 percent of our total expenses go to fund-raising and administration. This means that your dollars are hard at work actively ending hunger in the Texas Panhandle.

6. How long would HPFB recommend to run a food drive?

HPFB recommends two to three weeks for running a food drive. However, you may find more success in running a shorter or longer food drive. This option is completely up to you.