

Food Donation Guidelines

The items below are **most-needed** by our families struggling to make ends meet. Only unopened items can be accepted:

- Produce: Fruits, Vegetables
(Without significant decay or mold; in food-grade packaging)
- Protein: Meat, Poultry, Fish (Chilled to 40°F or frozen within expiration date)
- Dairy: Yogurt, Cheese, Eggs (Chilled to 40°F within expiration date)
- Dry: Rice, Pasta, Cereal, Oatmeal
- Canned Goods: Meals, Meats, Soups

The items below are examples of surplus product that Feeding South Florida **can accept**, provided they haven't previously been opened:

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| • Discontinued product food lines | Mislabeled or unrotated product |
| • Close-dated | Promotional items |
| • Customer turndowns | Seasonal items |

The items below items that Feeding South Florida **cannot accept**:

- Food that has been served or put on a buffet table. Food that has been previously reheated.
- Food that has been kept in the danger temperature zone, or out of temperature for more than an hour.
- Food with damaged or compromised packaging, resulting in the loss of a sanitary barrier protection. (FSF cannot accept packages that are taped or re-sealed.)
- Any items containing alcohol.
- Produce with significant decay, mold, or bugs.
- Frozen food with severe freezer burn.
- No ice cream.
- No sushi or any seafood intended for raw consumption.
- Open, punctured, rusted, bulging, or seriously damaged canned goods.
- Home canned, home jarred, or home baked products.

Discarding food that does not meet the above criteria is not a waste; you are protecting the families we serve!