

FAQs

1) Why hold a Food Drive?

A Food Drive is a great way for a school, church, business, or social organization to connect with the Food Bank. Last year, food drives generated over 1.5 million pounds of food.

2) How can I set up a Food Drive?

You can call the Food Drive hotline, 602 343-3173 and speak to the Food Drive Coordinator. Or, you can visit our website, www.firstfoodbank.org, and click on “Host a Food Drive.” Then click on the Donation Form, fill it in, and submit. The Food Drive Coordinator will call you back if there are any questions.

3) How long should a Food Drive be?

There is no set length, but it should be long enough (we recommend at least one week) to generate a good amount of food.

4) How many Food Drive boxes will I need?

If you have held previous drives with us, you should have a good idea of your needs. If this is your first drive, two things to consider are: the length of the drive and whether it’s internal (employees only) or external (employees and the public).

We have two types of Food Drive containers: our regular food drive boxes, which hold around 150lbs. We also have bins (aka gaylords) that hold 800-1100lbs.

5) Can the boxes be delivered and picked up?

We can deliver the empty Food Drive boxes (collapsed) and pick up the full ones. However, in order to use our (scarce) resources with the most efficiency, we would appreciate your picking up the boxes. If you gather less than two full boxes of food, we ask that you bring the food to either our Phoenix (2831 N. 31st Ave. Phoenix 85009) or Surprise (13050 W. Elm St. Surprise 85374) locations. You can also bring the food to the nearest Goodwill or U-haul location.

6) What kinds of foods are the “most wanted?”

There’s a list of non-perishable foods on our website; click on the “Host a Food Drive” link to find the list. However, try to avoid anything in glass containers, and ramen noodles.

7) Will you take monetary donations?

Yes! Although we can certainly use the food, for each dollar we get, we can purchase the equivalent of 7 meals.

8) Is there anything else?

Yes! You can volunteer at either of our locations. It’s a great team-building activity and you’ll get to see what makes us tick. For more information, visit our website or call 602 343-3128.