



WE DON'T WASTE

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FOOD DONATION GUIDELINES FOR DONORS

To make a food donation, please contact us at 303-710-5514 or food@wedontwaste.org

1. All food to be provided by a Food Donor shall be kept under proper time/temperature requirements, properly packaged and handled so as to maintain the integrity of the food for use at a later time.
2. Time and temperature controlled food items that have been outside of refrigeration for more than two hours will be considered not properly maintained for food safety purposes.
3. We Don't Waste can only accept raw meat in the original packaging, and has a clear use by, sell by, freeze by, or expiration date.
4. We cannot accept the following items:
 - Dairy products that are more than 3 days past the expiration date
 - Packaged, prepared food more than 7 days past the sell-by date
 - Bulging, rusty, or heavily dented cans
 - Moldy, slimy, or inedible produce
 - Cross-contaminated items
 - Unsealed or open items
 - Items not held at proper temperatures or hot food that has not been properly cooled
 - Homemade foods or meals not prepared in a commercial kitchen
 - Frozen items more than 1 year past the expiration date
 - Canned or non-perishables more than 3 years past the expiration date
 - Canned or fermented foods not prepared in a commercial kitchen
 - Alcohol
 - Any other food that is not safe to be consumed by humans (food for trash, compost, etc.)
5. We Don't Waste accepts most items past the expiration date with some exceptions. If you have expired items that you would like to donate, please contact us to determine if we are able to accept the product.
6. Guidelines for Prepared Foods:
 - Prepared food products shall be separated from any other food for donation and shall be placed in a disposable aluminum pan, properly cooled, wrapped, labeled, and dated with the identity of the food contained. Lexi food containers, or Ziplock bags may be used depending on the product.
 - It is preferred that any prepared food be frozen before being donated. Any prepared food that was hot and was not held above 135 degrees and/or was not subsequently chilled to below 42 degrees within two hours will be considered temperature abused, and will not be accepted.
 - We are not able to accept prepared food donations of shellfish or any prepared foods that were not produced in a commercial kitchen. At no time will We Don't Waste accept hot food or food that has been previously served (e.g. buffet style).

Food donors acting in good faith are protected by the [Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act as well as the Food Donation Improvement Act.](#)