



Partnering responsibly. Feeding neighbors in need.

In fiscal year 2021, our network rescued 4.7 billion pounds of good, safe food.

Instead of discarding nutritious groceries, the **Good Samaritan Food Donation Act** encourages organizations to donate these products to non-profits.

The **Good Samaritan Food Donation Act** is making it easier than ever to feed communities in need, across the country.

► How does it work?

The law protects food donors—**individuals, corporations, associations, government entities**—from civil or criminal liability, when donating food or grocery products to non-profits in good faith. To view a complete list of the entities that qualify for this federal protection, please check out our [USDA FAQ](#).

► What food is protected?

This federal act provides protection for safe-to-eat food and grocery products that meet **all quality and labeling standards** imposed by federal, state, and local laws—even though the food may not appear readily marketable due to factors like age or freshness.

► What does protection from liability mean for you?

- 01 Donate with confidence, as you're universally covered in all 50 states and Puerto Rico
- 02 You'll help to ensure that food is used for its intended purpose: to feed people
- 03 You can now enhance inventory management and move more products
- 04 You'll have the chance to donate additional food and feed more US communities

At Feeding America, we make food safety and compliance a foundational priority.

By developing strong partnerships, abiding by strict guidelines, and implementing stringent tools and practices, we can provide communities with healthy and safe meal options.



Member Compliance | All food banks sign a legally binding member contract and receive regular on-site audits. A Member Engagement Director assigned to the food bank consistently ensures they are complying with their contractual requirements.



Network Engagement | Our dedicated Network Engagement department offers guidance and support on all food safety issues. With extensive expertise, they can answer any questions you have on capacity, federal requirements, or donation process.



Recall Notification and Management System | Donated food items are carefully managed throughout the distribution process using advanced technology systems. This makes product retrieval possible, in the event of a recall.

Helpful Resources

The following resources provide teachings and recommendations about food safety:



We offer a custom Food Handler guide!

- [Foodservice and Retail Food Safety Guidelines](#)
- [FDA Model Food Code](#)
- [Model Salvage Code](#)
- [Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act](#)
- [Fair Packaging and Labeling Act](#)

About us

Feeding America is the nation's largest hunger-relief organization, composed of:

200 MEMBER FOOD BANKS

60k FOOD PANTRIES & MEAL PROGRAMS

Together, we're serving **40 million Americans** annually.

How we rescue and distribute food to neighbors in need:

1. You make a donation to Feeding America
2. Our network moves the donated goods to where they're needed
3. Members safely store food and distribute it locally
4. Food reaches people in need via local pantries and programs

Have questions? Please reach out to: Tony Pupillo,
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