HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE

One of the ways that you can make a big impact is by hosting a food drive. Your support will help fill our food shelf and ensure your neighbors have access to quality food options. Hosting a food drive is simple and it's a great way to help bring food to neighbors who may need it the most.

If you are hosting a food drive for Keystone, here is a brief guide for getting started:

- Choose the dates of your drive
- Reach out to Keystone to let us know. Contact 651-645-0349 or info@keystoneservices.org
- Request donation barrels
- Promote your food drive with flyers and on social media. Be sure to tag Keystone!
- Collect your donations
- Coordinate a time to drop off your collected donations

Most Needed Food and Hygiene Items

We welcome shelf-stable grocery items and encourage a variety of donations. We will only accept unexpired items in unopened containers, unless the contents are individually wrapped.

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Quick to prepare meals (pasta, seasoned rice kits, instant mashed potatoes, etc.)
- Canned meat and proteins (tuna, stews, chicken, peanut butter, etc.)
- Cooking staples (flour, sugar, cooking oil, etc.)
- Culturally specific items (soy sauce, fish sauce, masa, etc.)
- Baby care items (baby food, formula, wipes, diapers, etc.)
- Hygiene items (Deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine care items, etc.)

Consider encouraging cash donations, in addition to food donations. Keystone stocks our food shelves by purchasing food in bulk from food banks. These purchasing programs help us stretch your dollars even further and support more of our neighbors.

Donation Drop of information

Keystone Community Food Center
1800 University Ave. W. (near Fairview), St. Paul
Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Here are some details to help you bring your donations to this location:

- Park in the parking lot on the south side of the building, accessible from Beacon Avenue, and go in the door marked for donors and volunteers.
- Ring the doorbell for assistance, and a Keystone staff member or volunteer will help bring your donations inside to be weighed.
- For your records and ours, please fill out a donation slip that details who you are and your type of donations.

Do not leave donations outside during off hours as we cannot utilize abandoned items.

Keystone
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Food Drive



Keystone Community Services is a nonprofit whose mission is to strengthen the capacity of individuals and families to improve their quality of life. We provide vital, community-based services to neighbors in St. Paul through our Foodmobile, crisis support, and additional food programs.

Most needed items:

FOOD

Shelf-stable proteins
(Peanut butter, canned fish, meat, and beans)
Cereal
Canned fruits and vegetables
Pasta and rice noodles
Cooking staples (flour, sugar, oil, spices, condiments)
Ready to eat meals and snacks

All items MUST be nonperishable and unopened

HYGIENE

Hygiene products
(Toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, bath soap)

SCAN TO GIVE

keystoneservices.org/donate

Keystone Community Food Center

Food Donation and Pickup Guidelines



Bags to Pounds

200 lbs = 14 bags	500 lbs = 34 bags	1000 lbs = 66 bags

The average weight per bag of food donated is about 15lbs. Weight is based on Keystone donation data and is approximate.

Drop Off Guidelines

Location
1800 University Ave W.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Donation Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 1 - 4pm
Wednesday: 9am - 12pm / 3 - 6pm

Appointments:
Advance notice of donation drop-offs between 200lbs - 500lbs is appreciated.
Drop-off appointments for donations over 500lbs would be preffered.

Pickup Guidelines

Appointments
Pickup is available by appointment, subject to staff availibility.

Appointment Times
Donations can be picked up on Wednesdays between 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Service Area
Pickup is available within a 5-mile radius of the Keystone Community Food Center.

Minimum Donation
A minimum of 1,000 pounds of donations is required for Keystone to arrange a pickup.

Donation Barrels

Donation barrels can be provided upon request.



To make a drop-off or pick-up appointment, please call 651-645-0349 or email us at info@keystoneservices.org.