



FAQ

What's Happening?

Up to a week before September 15th, 2018, volunteers from the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive will be dropping off branded 3rd ANNUAL CITYWIDE FOOD DRIVE brown paper bags on doorsteps across Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminister and the North Shore.

Members of the public will be asked to fill the bags with **nutritious, non-perishable food items and leave on their doorsteps**, in a spot visible from the street, before 9 am on Saturday, September 15th, 2018

Volunteers will make every effort to pick up bags between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm but the public is encouraged to drop off filled bags to their closest Save-On-Foods locations if possible, and if their grocery bag has not been picked up by 4pm

What are the best things to donate?

The best food items for donation are canned fish, chicken or turkey; canned black beans, chickpeas, and kidney beans; whole grains and whole-wheat pasta; canned vegetables and fruit; hearty soups and stews and natural peanut butter.

How many bags will be left on doorsteps?

More than 30,000 bags will be left on door steps in Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminister and the North Shore.

What do these bags look like?

The bags are brown paper and branded with the GVFB logo and 3rd ANNUAL CITYWIDE FOOD DRIVE.

What can I do, if I live in an apartment building, or outside one of these areas?

If a paper bag hasn't been left on your doorstep, you can donate to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank directly at <http://www.foodbank.bc.ca/citywide>, where each \$1 donated can be leveraged, with the food bank's bulk purchasing power, to provide \$3 worth of food. You can also bring your nutritious, non-perishable food donation to one of the following drop off locations on September 15th, 2018 from 9am-5pm or to any Save on Foods store in Vancouver, Burnaby, North Shore and New Westminister.

Sept 15th Main Drop Off locations:

1. Save on Foods - Burnaby: 4469 Kingsway (Willingdon)
2. Save on Foods - North Vancouver: #600 - 333 Brooksbank Avenue (Park & Tilford)
3. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Vancouver: 308 W 41st Ave

Where will all these bags be taken?

As part of the event, volunteers and staff from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and BC Thanksgiving Food Drive group will be onsite (at the locations listed above) on Sept 15th to collect donations from the public which will then be delivered to Food Bank warehouse. The food will be sorted and prepared for distribution to the Food Hubs, partner agencies and distribution centers across the Greater Vancouver Area.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Food and monetary donations support the Food Banks goal to build strong, connected communities through the power of food. We could not make access to healthy, nutritious food possible without your help. **Thank you for your support!**

- Every week 27,00 people access our services at locations in Vancouver, Burnaby, North Shore, and New Westminster, including thousands of families, children, and the elderly

What do I do if my bag full of donations wasn't picked up by 1 pm?

If your bag hasn't been picked by 1 pm, please email 2018fooddrives@gmail.com, with your address, postal code and phone number. Volunteers will make every effort to pick up your donation by 4 pm. If your bag has not been picked up you can drop it off at any Save-On-Foods location, anytime within store hours. Our volunteers are working hard!!

Alternatively, if you'd like to join us at one of the three locations where we'll be collecting donations, we'd love to see you there!

Media Enquiries about the 3rd Annual Citywide Food Drive are asked to email etabakman@lbgm.ca

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Thank you to our volunteers and partners, including:

