



HARVEST

nourishing our communities

**We prevent hunger and create better,
healthier futures for everyone.**

Food * Training * Advocacy

Current Inventory

Due to higher demand and less corporate donations our fridge and freezer items are very limited.

- **At times this spring we have not had food to add perishable bags to orders.**
- **Some of the perishable boxes contain only potatoes.**
- **Bread and baked goods have also been limited.**
- **Milk for children and pregnant/nursing mothers has also been low.**
- **In response we have added more non-perishable items to our non-perishable boxes AND added non-perishable items in bulk to the order.**

Padding Numbers

To allow us to book as many clients as possible we are padding some of your food bank orders with an extra amount of food hampers. This allows us to keep food banks open for booking while creating the orders.

Bulk Items on Orders

Occasionally we have been adding extra items on top of the bag and two boxes clients normally receive. Please distribute evenly across your clients. Sometimes we may not send a full amount knowing that not all people will want the items (e.g. watermelon).

Leftovers

If your food bank has leftovers, keep the non-perishable box and freeze milk. If you have freezer space, you may freeze any frozen products. All other perishable items (including freezer items if you wish) can be distributed to large families, walk-ins and volunteers (in that order).

Daily Rules

We will shortly begin sending e-mails each day indicating to food banks operating that day as to what they can anticipate on the order.

Kit Count Sheets

**With less inventory it is more imperative than ever to return your Kit Count sheets.
Every non-perishable box and milk is valuable!**

Rebooking Food Banks

We are gradually moving all food banks to a rebooking model. If a client shows up to a food bank, they are automatically rebooked for an appointment in 4 weeks. If they do not show up clients must contact Harvest to be put back on the list. This saves clients from contacting our call centre.

Celiac Kits

We have just begun to provide Celiac kits for clients who have been diagnosed with Celiac disease. When clients call to register they can indicate that they have Celiac disease.

Client Lists

It is important to return your client lists ASAP to enable our Client Services Department to have an accurate list of who attended your food bank (it allows the no-shows to rebook within before 4 weeks) and to allow us to rebook your clients.

Indemnity/Code of Ethics and Calendars

Please return Indemnity and Code of Ethics to Jamie ASAP.

Webinar

The next webinar will be Tuesday, June 22 at 10 am. Jeff deDenus, Manager of Volunteer Services, will be presenting on how to work with *Volunteers*.

Manitoba is one of few jurisdictions in Canada to enact laws protecting those who donate or distribute food. The Manitoba Food Donations Act (Chapter F135) states:

Liability of donor

2(1) A person who donates food or who distributes donated food to another person is not liable for damages resulting from injuries or death caused by the consumption of the food unless the food was adulterated, rotten or otherwise unfit for human consumption; and in donating or distributing the food, the person intended to injure or to cause the death of the recipient of the food or acted with reckless HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows disregard for the safety of others

Liability of director, agent, etc.

2(2) A director, agent, employee or volunteer of a corporation that donates food or that distributes donated food is not personally liable for any damages resulting from injuries or death caused by the consumption of the food unless the food was adulterated, rotten or otherwise unfit for human consumption; and in donating or distributing the food, the director, agent, employee or volunteer intended to injure or to cause the death of the recipient of the food or acted with reckless disregard for the safety of others.

What we are hearing...

- Increased number of no-shows
- Desire to return to a two week client cycle
- Clients and vaccination questions

New President & CEO

Keren Taylor-Hughes is leaving Harvest at the end of September 2021, the Board is currently searching for her replacement.

Questions/Comments

