



RESCUING FOOD FOR NYC

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Dear Friend,

From Monday, August 31–Friday, October 2, City Harvest will hold its annual

High Holidays Food Drive to collect kosher food to help feed Jewish families across New York City. Right now, 1 in 4 Jewish families in New York is struggling to make ends meet. This comes at a time when many of our neighbors are beginning to feel the impacts of drastic federal cuts to food assistance programs, visits to food pantries and soup kitchens across NYC remain high, and the ongoing affordability crisis in our city is making it harder than ever for New Yorkers to afford fresh, nutritious food. I hope that you and your community will help us support our Jewish neighbors at this critical time.

You can participate in the *High Holidays Food Drive* in the following ways:

1. **In-Person Canned Food Drive:** Collect non-perishable kosher foods such as rice, canned tuna, salmon, sardines, and beans in a central location for pickup by one of our trucks. Donations must be 50 pounds or more to be eligible for pick up.
2. **Online Fresh Food Drive:** Build and share your customized online food drive through our partners at #GiveHealthy. Participants can select and purchase fresh produce and non-perishable items virtually for direct delivery to our warehouse and from there to kosher community programs across the city. Please visit cityharvest.org/fooddrives to get started!

Enclosed are helpful promotional materials to support your food drive. For more information, or to download additional posters and materials, please visit cityharvest.org/fooddrives.

For any additional questions, or to schedule an eligible pickup by one of our food rescue trucks, please contact the Food Drives team at 646.277.7800 or fooddrives@cityharvest.org. Thank you for your continued support of City Harvest and our kosher neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Granger".

Ellen Granger

Associate Director, Business Development

P.S. Did you know City Harvest welcomes school groups for field trips to our Food Rescue Center in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, to learn about our work and participate in hands-on volunteer activities? For more information, visit cityharvest.org/schools.

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How To: Run An Online Food Drive

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Setting up your online fresh food drive:

- 1) Start your online fresh food drive through [#GiveHealthy](#), which provides users the opportunity to order fresh produce as well as non-perishables to be delivered directly to the City Harvest warehouse.
- 2) Share the customized link for your food drive page with your participants through email, social media, or newsletters. Participants will be able to select food items to purchase directly through your page.
- 3) Send periodic updates on progress and reminders to donate. We recommend one kick-off message, one midway through the drive, and one when you're in the final stretch.
- 4) After your drive has ended, you will receive a tax acknowledgment from the food drive platform and a food drive certificate of participation from City Harvest.

For any questions, please feel free to call us at **646.277.7800** or email fooddrives@cityharvest.org for help setting up your food drive.



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How To: Run An In-Person Food Drive

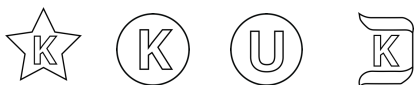
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Food Needed:

- All types of kosher, non-perishable, and canned, sealed, or packaged food are acceptable for collection. Non-kosher food will not be accepted for this food drive.
- The most-needed foods are shelf-stable, kosher sources of protein, such as tuna, salmon, sardines, peanut butter, and beans.
- City Harvest cannot accept unlabeled or dented cans, open packaging, products that need to be refrigerated, homemade foods, or expired products.

Tips for a Successful Food Drive:

- Ensure all items have at least one of the following kosher certifications:



- Publicize your drive by hanging up the *High Holidays Food Drive* poster. To download additional posters and materials, please visit cityharvest.org/fooddrives. You can also include information about the drive on your website, social media channels, and in your newsletter.
- When you've collected at least 50 pounds of food, contact City Harvest at **646.277.7800** or fooddrives@cityharvest.org to schedule a pickup.
- On the day of your pickup, make sure that your food **is packaged in sturdy boxes of 50 pounds or less** and is located on the ground floor, ready for our driver.

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