



FOOD SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE CITIZENS' PANTRY DONATIONS

Tri-Lakes Cares relies on community donations to stock our pantry. When donating food, consider safety and quality. Use the following guidelines to decide whether your food donation is unsafe and should not be donated.

Tri-Lakes Cares will *not* accept:

- Cans with moderate or severe dents
- Cans with moderate or severe rust pits
- Cans with swollen or bulging ends or any holes
- Home-canned or cooked foods
- Foods with signs of spoilage
- Foods with missing or illegible labels
- Expired infant formula or baby food
- Glass jars with missing lids
- Cardboard boxes with torn or missing inner packaging
- Food in packaging that is slit or open
- Food with any evidence of insects
- Food in unsuitable containers and/or covers
- Foods with an uncertain handling history
- Frozen foods with evidence of thawing or leakage
- Perishable dairy or meat

Please visit www.tri-lakescares.org/donate/current-needs for a complete list of requested pantry donations.