

Food Pantries and Community Suppers – 2020 Update

Temporary Covid-19 Procedures highlighted in Purple

Acton & Boxborough

Food Pantry, 235 Summer Rd., Bldg. 1, Lower Level, Boxborough, 978-635-9295,
<http://www.actonfoodpantry.org> , PO Box 2098, Acton, info@actoncommunitysupper.org
Open to: **Acton, Boxboro, Concord, Carlisle, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Westford residents.**

Services: The Acton Food Pantry has been providing food to residents-in-need in Acton, MA and surrounding towns since 1984. Clients receive 4-days' worth of food which they choose from our shelves. This allotment includes canned goods, staples, meat, eggs, dairy products, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread and dessert. The Pantry also provides baby food, formula, and **diapers when available** to those with babies in their household, as well as other basic household products.

Qualifiers: Registration is required on the first visit, and on a yearly basis, with two forms of ID required at that time (online application on website); one ID must have a photo and address, the other ID must corroborate that address, and re-registration happens on a yearly basis.

Hours: The Acton Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30 AM. The Pantry is closed the 4th Wednesday/month. Closed if Acton-Boxborough Public Schools are closed or delayed.

During Covid-19 registration is waived and drive-thru pickup is required.

Acton Food Pantry Grocery Pick-up at R.J. Grey Junior H.S.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdy1p5yBEJKV4mquotXKvliuUjhrZkOtvqKvL7sl3YFWIXIQ/viewform>

Open to: **All Residents of Acton & Boxborough**

Services: You can order groceries from the Acton Food Pantry through the link above, then pick them up at R.J. Grey Junior H.S., or they can be sent home in a gym bag with your child. Limited delivery to homes available.

Hours: You will receive an email notifying you that your order has been delivered to the Jr. H.S. for pickup.

Grab & Go Breakfast and Lunch at A-B High School, Hayward Road Entrance

https://www.abschools.org/district/food_services

Open to: **All Residents of Acton & Boxborough**

Services: Weekly supply of breakfasts and lunches. You do not need to have a child in school to use this service.

Hours: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 for the **2020-21 school year**. For delivery, email abqualifiedlunch@neighborbrigade.org or call 866-896-3599. Pick up is in the back of the school, near the gazebo.

Mt. Calvary Community Supper, 472 Mass. Ave., Acton www.facebook.com/communitysupperofActonMA
978-263-5156, www.mtcalvaryacton.org

Open to: **Residents of all towns.**

Services: Dinner served by rotating community groups and churches. If Acton-Boxborough schools are closed on Wednesday, the dinner will be canceled (you can verify this by calling 978-264-4700).

Hours: Held every Wednesday, 5-6:00 pm

During Covid-19, drive-thru meal pickup is in practice from 4-5:00 pm

Bedford

Bedford Food Bank, 12 Mudge Way Front Entrance, <https://www.bedfordma.gov/BedfordFoodBank>

Open to: Bedford residents

Services: Residents may pull up to the front door and a bag of groceries will be put into your trunk or back seat. For individuals who are homebound or disabled, delivery is available by emailing bedfordfoodbank@bedfordma.gov, or call 781-275-7727.

Hours: Every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. **This program will be in operation until the Covid-19 crisis is over.**

Bedford Diaper & Personal Items Bank, Youth & Family Services, 12 Mudge Way

<https://www.bedfordma.gov/youth-family/news/the-bedford-diaper-and-personal-items-bank-is-now-open>

Open to: Bedford residents

Services: Diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products are available by emailing cbang@bedfordma.gov or calling 781-275-7727.

(On hiatus during Covid-19)

Community Table and Food Pantry, 12 Mudge Way, #1, (Town Center Bldg). 781-275-7355, (contact form on website or email bedfordfoodpantry@gmail.com), <http://www.bedfordfoodpantry.org/>

Open to Bedford and surrounding towns residents

Services: The Bedford Food Pantry provides free groceries to any local resident who can establish need. Eligibility is determined by the Massachusetts income limits for fuel assistance. We encourage you to come once before applying for pantry participation. Pantry clients receive one or two bags of nonperishable food, depending on household size. Each week clients may request a few additional items, and there is a "free" table from which you may take a few items. Perishable items such as milk, eggs, hot dogs, bread, produce, etc. are occasionally available. Our Community Dinners are held during the school year, on the lower floor of Town Center in the large room across from the food pantry. All are welcome. There is no charge for the dinners, and no expectation of a donation.

Qualifiers: To apply, please print and complete the application found on the website and mail it in or bring it to the Food Pantry during operating hours. We never share the information on your application. When your application is approved, you will receive a card with your client number on it. Please bring this card when you come to the pantry.

Hours: **Pantry** hours are Thursdays, 4:30-6:00. The **community supper** takes place from 5:00-6:15 p.m. on Thursdays during the school year. Closed on holidays and Bedford Public Schools snow days. When you come to the pantry, please follow these guidelines:

- Come only between 4:30 and 6:00, not earlier or later.
- Please do **not** park in the area by the dumpster, near the door marked "Deliveries". Parking is available behind and in front of Town Center.
- Bring your pantry card.
- Enter through the front door and wait in the downstairs hall until a volunteer tells you it is your turn.

- Please take everything in your bag(s) home. Don't sort through the items in the hallway. If there are things you can't use, please just return them at your next visit.
- Please be courteous and remember that everyone associated with the pantry is a volunteer.

Concord & Carlisle

(On hiatus during Covid-19 - see Maynard Open Table listing below)

Open Table Community Supper, First Parish Church, 20 Lexington Road, 978-369-2275,
www.opentable.org, info@opentable.org, P.O. Box 42, Concord, MA 01742

Open to residents of **Acton, Bedford, Boxboro, Carlisle, Concord, Littleton, Lincoln, Maynard, Sudbury, Westford** and more on website.

Services: At the community supper guests are served a healthy and nutritious meal, including dessert and coffee.

Qualifiers: You do not need to bring anything with you when you come to Open Table. There are no restrictions to access our services.

Hours: Open on Thursdays from 4:45-6:30 for dinner. Open table is closed on Christmas day. Open Table is closed if Concord Public Schools are closed for a snow day.

**Food for Families through Gaining Ground Farm, www.gainingground.org, 978-610-6086, P.O. Box 374, Concord, MA 01742, office@gainingground.org
 Summer-only program open to **Concord** residents**

Qualifiers and Contact: Eligible families can receive free weekly bags of organic vegetables from July to October. Contact Bonny Wilbur at the Concord Community Services office: 978-318-3034 or bwilbur@concordma.gov

Harvard & Littleton

**Loaves and Fishes, 978-772-4627, www.loavesfishespantry.org, office@loavesfishespantry.org,
 234 Barnum Road, Devens**

Open to: **Harvard, Littleton, Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton and Shirley residents.**

Services: Food pantry, as well as special programs as noted below. Shoppers may visit 2 times per month. If you bring 4 reusable bags with you, you can receive an extra item from the "special" table. New clients meet with a client advocate for intake and additional visit on their first visit. **Diapers when available.**

Qualifiers: You must bring a Proof of Residency (POR) each time you visit the Pantry. Once a year you must provide a POR for each member of your household. A POR is an official piece of mail such as a utility bill, rental payment receipt, etc. which lists your name, street address and a recent date. For minors, a POR is either a school or medical paper. Families wishing to participate in the School Backpack, Christmas Shop for your Children (LFshop4yourkids@gmail.com) or Campership programs must have been registered and used the pantry 4 times in the prior year.

Hours: Wednesdays and Fridays 9:45-12:30, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9-11:00 a.m., and the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6-8:00 p.m. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the start time. There is then a lottery for shopping order.

During Covid-19 grocery bags will be loaded into your car as you drive thru after check-in. Dates for pick-up 9:00-12:00 are listed on website. If you need to send someone else to pick up your groceries, call 978-772-4627 x312.

Neighborhood Supper at Congregational Church, 330 King Street, Littleton, 978-486-3245,
www.ccol.org

Open to residents of all towns.

Dinner is served on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. **During Covid-19 drive-thru take-out meal takes place 5:30-6:30.**

Lincoln

Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, 781-899-2611, x4, svdplincolnweston@gmail.com

Located at St. Joseph's Church, 142 Lincoln Road, <http://stjulia.org/svdp/>

Open to: Lincoln and Weston residents

Services: The food pantry is open twice a month for bags of nonperishable food, toiletries, paper goods and cleaning supplies. Call or email to find out when the next pantry date will be and how to register

Maynard

Open Table Food Pantry & Suppers, 978-369-2275, www.opentable.org, info@opentable.org,
Pantry location: 33 Main Street, Maynard. For transportation assistance: transport@opentable.org

Open to residents of Acton, Bedford, Boxboro, Carlisle, Concord, Littleton, Lincoln, Maynard, Sudbury, Westford and more on website.

Services: Pantry items include bags of non-perishable groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and other staples including **diapers when available.**

Qualifiers: You do not need to bring anything with you when you come to Open Table. However, if you'd like to receive groceries for family members who are not able to come with you, you will need to fill out a Household Verification Form and bring supporting documentation. Please park in the municipal lot opposite the Fine Arts Theater on Summer Street.

Hours: The pantry is open by appointment on Mondays for ages 55 and older from 12:45-3:00; and on Tuesdays 3:00-6:30 and Thursdays 3:00-6:30 p.m. Open table is closed on Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Christmas day. Open Table is closed if Maynard Public Schools are closed for a snow day.

During Covid-19 Community Lunch & Suppers are suspended. Drive-thru pantry hours are Tuesdays 1-6:30 and Thursdays 1-4:30 in the municipal parking lot on Summer Street. Call or email for an appt. time for your pick up.

Maynard Food Pantry, 82 Main St., Maynard (former Union Congregational Church, 978-764-5279,
www.maynardfoodpantry.com.

Open to Acton, Maynard, Stow, and Sudbury residents.

Services: Families from Maynard may visit 2 times per month; Clients from other towns can shop 1 time per month. The Maynard Food Pantry also provides Thanksgiving and Holiday dinner baskets for our shoppers. The program can also supply families with school-age children nutritious lunches and snacks via their back pack program through school.

Hours: The food pantry is open on Mondays from 10:00-Noon. On some Monday holidays, the pantry will open on Tuesdays (schedule on website). If Maynard schools are closed due to snow on Monday, the pantry will close, and an attempt will be made to open the following day if possible. Visitors should park on River Street.

During Covid-19 the backpack food program will be distributed on Mondays, 9:30-12, at the Food Pantry.

Stow

Food Pantry, 509 Great Road (Pompo Community Center), www.stowfoodpantry.com , 978-897-4230, stowfoodp@gmail.com.

Open to Acton, Bolton, Boxboro, Lancaster, Maynard and Stow residents.

Services: Food to feed a family for one week. Each month there are “specials” available such as personal hygiene items, sugar, cooking oil, or laundry detergent (schedule on website). Baby food, items and **diapers available**.

Qualifiers: No referrals or financials required.

Hours: Open the 1st & 3rd Fridays per month from 8:40-10:30 am, and the 3rd Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm (schedule on website). Appointments preferred (stowfoodp@gmail.com or 978-897-4230, but walk-ins are welcome.

During Covid-19, food distribution is being held as a drive-thru weekend pick up. Call or email to register and a volunteer will take your order & pack it up for you. Delivery for those who are homebound can be available if needed.

Sudbury

Food Pantry, 160 Concord Road, Our Lady of Fatima Church lower level, <http://sudburyfoodpantry.org>, info@sudburyfoodpantry.org, 978-443-7725 or 978-314-5247.

Open to all towns.

Services: Non-resident families may visit once per month. Sudbury residents may visit twice per month. We offer not just staples but also bread, eggs, dairy, frozen meat, paper products, soap products, baby foods and **diapers**. In the summer we often have fresh organic vegetables. Each time you use the pantry the products may change a little but generally clients leave with 4 or 5 large shopping bags of food. This is an open shelve pantry and we try to accommodate special needs such as vegetarians and gluten sensitive clients.

Hours: Food is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30-2:15. The pantry is closed if Sudbury Public Schools are closed.

Qualifiers: Clients must fill out a registration form during their first visit which requires a government-issued photo ID and proof of address (such as a utility bill).

During Covid-19, food distribution is being held as a drive thru on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2:15. If you have not visited before, registration begins at 11:30 and filling out the online form will speed the process.

Westford

Community Food Pantry, 20 Pleasant Street, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 2223, (Cameron Senior Center), 978-692-5523. Contacts: Alison Christopher, LICSW, achristopher@westfordma.gov or k.hyle@verizon.net, www.westfordfoodpantry.org

Open to residents of **Westford and surrounding towns.**

Services: Emergency, short- and long-term assistance is provided through quality fresh and dry foods along with personal care and household items. **Diapers** available when in stock (you can call first to verify). Westford families may visit the pantry weekly. Non-Westford families may visit twice per month. Photo ID is required on initial registration.

There is a thrift shop on site also. Additional financial assistance is available through St. Vincent DePaul thru St. Catherine's Church in Westford: st.catherine.westford.svdp@gmail.com or 978-320-4214.

Hours: Walk-in service is available on Wednesdays from 6-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 9-11:00 a.m.

Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Sudbury, and Westford Residents

Lasagna Love (available during Covid-19 crisis) <https://www.lasagnaLove.org/>

Services: Home-cooked meal provided and delivered to your house available to anyone affected by the Covid-19 crisis, whether you or someone in your family is ill, quarantined, have a new baby, etc. Enter your request on the above website form.

First Connections' Diaper Pantry, 179 Great Rd., Unit 104A, Acton, imathews@jri.org, 978-429-8284, ext. 202, www.firstconnections.org

Services: Community service program providing diapers and wipes to families in financial need through donations made by local families and organizations. We also provide free resources, support groups, playgroups and parent education workshops. You will be asked to fill out a registration sheet in order to be added to our quarterly emailed newsletter list.

Hours: **Pickups during Covid-19** can be made after 8:00 a.m. on Fridays. Email your requested diaper size to Linda at the above email, and we will confirm we have that size in stock for you to pick up outside our door in Acton. If you enter our building from the right side, and take the 2nd door on the right, the diapers will be in the hallway with your name on them.

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