

Emergency food resources during CalFresh interruption

Need food today?

- **Alameda County Community Food Bank Helpline:** Call **(510) 635-3663** or **(800) 870-3663** Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to get connected with a nearby pantry or

hot meal provider. The helpline is available in multiple languages.

- **Online Food Finder:** Use the web tool at **FoodNow.net** to find a food pantry or distribution site near you.
- **Text or Call 211:** For information on additional local resources for food, housing, and other social services, dial **2-1-1** on your phone.

Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB)

As the county's central food distribution network, ACCFB works with many smaller pantries and programs.

- **Website:** accfb.org
- **Address:** 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland
- **Note:** Call the helpline or use FoodNow.net to find a distribution site closer to you, rather than going to the main warehouse.

City-specific food pantries and programs

You can also contact these organizations directly:

- **Alameda Food Bank:** (510) 523-5850 or alamedafoodbank.org. Serves residents who live or work in the City of Alameda.
- **Berkeley Food Network:** (510) 616-5383 or berkeleyfoodnetwork.org. Serves residents of Berkeley and Albany.
- **Hayward Area:** Check the list of local pantries and meal services provided by the City of Hayward at hayward-ca.gov.
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- **Oakland:** The City of Oakland maintains a list of food distribution sites. Visit oaklandca.gov for details on locations like St. Vincent de Paul and the Arena Center

- **Tri-Valley (Fremont, Newark, Union City):** Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank operates in this area. Call (510) 793-4583 or visit tcvfoodbank.org.
- **Tri-Valley (Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton):**

[Tri-Valley Haven](http://trivalleyhaven.org)

Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank operates a food pantry in Livermore. Call (925) 449-1664 or visit trivalleyhaven.org.

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- **School Meals:** Many schools offer free or low-cost meals for children. For details, visit the Alameda County Office of Education website.
- **Mercy Brown Bag Program:** Provides groceries to seniors 60 and older with limited income. Call (510) 269-9640 or visit mercybrownbag.org.
- **SOS Meals on Wheels:** Provides home-delivered meals for older adults. Call (510) 582-1263.

Important reminders

- **Call first:** Food distribution schedules and eligibility rules can change. Always call ahead or check the organization's website before visiting.
- **No ID required:** Many sites, including those listed by the Alameda County Community Food Bank, do not require ID or proof of income to receive food assistance.
- **Keep your EBT card:** While new benefits are delayed, you can still use any existing funds on your card.

URGENT FOOD ASSISTANCE for Berkeley residents

Due to the federal government shutdown, November CalFresh benefits are delayed. If you live in Berkeley or Albany and need immediate food, here are local resources to help.

Berkeley Food Network (BFN)

BFN provides free groceries through a network of pantries and home delivery.

- **Website:** berkeleyfoodnetwork.org/getfood
- **Call:** (510) 616-5383
- **Main Pantry:** 1925 Ninth Street, Berkeley
 - **Open:** Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

[Berkeley Food Pantry](#)

Offers emergency groceries by appointment and walk-up.

- **Website:** berkeleyfoodpantry.org/needfood
- **Call:** (510) 525-2280
- **Address:** 1600 Sacramento Street, Berkeley
 - **Open:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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This county-wide resource can connect you with distribution sites throughout Berkeley.

- **Helpline:** Call (510) 635-3663
- **Online Tool:** Use the food locator at FoodNow.net

For UC Berkeley students

- **Basic Needs Food Pantry**

: basicneeds.berkeley.edu/pantry