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not alone.*



Neighborhood Food Drive

PREPARE & RECRUIT

- Select a food bank or local pantry to donate the collected non-perishable goods. (Feeding America has a map of public options: [feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank](https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank))
- Communicate with the selected site on how and when to drop off collected goods.
- Select the neighborhoods to canvass for donations.
- Recruit families to drop-off collection bags/materials and to pick them up.

TIPS

- Drop-off volunteers should never be single individuals. Teams of 2-4 is best.
- Purchase or collect brown paper bags to leave at homes for collecting.

PRAY & DISTRIBUTE

- Two weeks prior to the collection date, send teams to pray over the neighborhoods as they distribute the brown bags and information fliers.
- Consider local norms on how to best approach homes and where to place the materials.
- Be sure to be respectful of COVID guidelines and appropriate protocols.
- Pray over the next two weeks that God would use this for His glory.

TIPS

- Consider including a list of the greatest needs of food pantries in your area.
- Be sure teams think about how to best approach homes and where to drop the materials.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

- On the date of the collection, send teams back to the neighborhood(s) to pick-up collection bags.
- Have a "thank you" bag to give participating homes. Include materials on your church as well as a handwritten note of thanks.

TIPS

- Some people may not be comfortable with coming back by their home. Be sure to offer an option to drop off any donations at a clearly marked location at your church. Have a small team at the church on the collection day to greet anyone choosing this option.