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Use these ideas to help you choose healthful products to donate to food pantries.

Compare Nutrition Facts labels to get the most nutrition for your money.

If you wish to donate fresh and/or frozen fruits, vegetables, meat or other perishable food items, be sure to contact the food pantry first to be sure it can accept them.

Keep perishable items refrigerated or frozen to maintain their safety and quality.

Consider donating nonfood items such as can openers, cutting boards, paring knives or zip-top baggies.

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#### Grains

Bran cereals Bread Bread or muffin mixes Cold and hot cereals Dry pasta noodles Flour Graham crackers Granola bars Infant cereal Macaroni and cheese mixes Noodle mixes Oatmeal Pancake mix Popcorn Rice and rice mixes Shredded wheat Whole-grain crackers

### ▼ Vegetables

Baby food – vegetables Canned tomato products Canned vegetables Fresh and frozen vegetables\* Spaghetti sauce Vegetable juice Vegetable soup

### Fruits

Apple sauce Baby food – fruit Canned and boxed 100% fruit juice Canned fruit Dried fruit (raisins, etc.) Fresh and frozen fruit\* Fruit leather made from 100% fruit

## Dairy

Evaporated milk Fresh milk, yogurt, cheese\* Infant formula Instant breakfast drinks Nonfat dry milk Powdered milk Shelf-stable (UHT) milk

## ▼ Protein Foods

Baked beans Bean soup Beef stew Canned and dry beans Canned chili Fresh or frozen meat, poultry and fish\* Nuts/trail mixes EXTENSION

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Peanut butter Pouched/canned chicken Pouched/canned tuna or salmon

# Spices/Herbs

Basil Cinnamon Garlic or onion powder Oregano Pepper

## ▼ Other

Honey Jelly and jam Ketchup or mustard Mayonnaise Salad dressings Sugar Syrup Vegetable oils

\* Before you donate fresh or frozen foods, check that the facility has refrigerator or freezer storage facilities.

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