

Methuen Cares Food Pantry & Citywide Donation Drive

Eligibility & Sign-Up: Methuen residents who have lost food assistance benefits or receive other government assistance benefits.

Required at pickup: Proof of Methuen Residency (Photo ID or a Bill with current address) and proof of enrollment in SNAP, WIC, or other government benefits.

Step 1: Eligible residents must sign up using [this online form](#) before pickup: [Online Form](#)

For more details regarding pickup times/days please visit Methuen.gov/food for the most up to date information

Mass 211

Every day, someone somewhere in Massachusetts needs to find essential community services, an after school program, a food bank, or where to secure care for an aging parent. Many face these challenges, but don't always know where to turn for help. ***The Solution is to Dial 2-1-1.*** Mass 211 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community. It serves as a resource for finding government benefits and services, nonprofit organizations, support groups, volunteer opportunities, donation programs, and other local resources. Always a confidential call, Mass 211 maintains the integrity of the 9-1-1 system saving that vital community resource for life and death emergencies.

Available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**, Mass 211 is an easy way to find or give help in your community. If you are unable to reach 2-1-1 due to your telephone or cell phone carrier, a toll-free number is available 1-877-211-MASS (6277)

Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline

Phone: 1-800-645-8333

Website: <https://projectbread.org/foodsource-hotline>

You can find information about food programs or chat with Project Bread's counselors by **calling or texting** our hotline number ([1-800-645-8333](tel:1-800-645-8333)). Or you can **chat with a counselor online** by using the Live Chat feature on the bottom of our [Help Directory](#) webpage.

Hotline Hours: Mon-Fri - 8am - 7pm & Sat: 10am - 2pm

Merrimack Valley Food Bank

Website - <https://mvfb.org/pantry-schedule>

Phone - [978-454-7272](tel:978-454-7272)

Neighbors in Need

Website – needfood.org

Phone number – 978-685-8321

You can go to a Neighbors in Need food pantry once per week.

Diaper pantry is also available if needed. More information on their website.

Food Distribution Schedules

Tuesdays

9:00am-10:30am

Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Jerusalem

198 South Broadway Lawrence, MA

5:30pm-6:30pm

First Church Methuen

26 Pleasant St. Methuen, MA

Wednesdays

9:00am-10:30am

Neil Playstead

188 Lawrence St., Methuen (next to St. Monica's Church)

Thursdays

9:00am-10:30am

Boys and Girls Club

136 Water Street. Lawrence, MA

4:00pm-5:00pm

Andover Senior Center

30 Whittier Ct. Andover, MA

Fridays

9:00am-10:30am

Ministerio Apostolico Jesucristo es el Senor

96 East Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA

NEVLH Veteran's Food Pantry

Website – <https://nevlh.wordpress.com/services/food-pantry/>

Phone – 978-258-2331

Sat & Sun: Emergency Only Weekend on Call # 978-590-2488

Food Pantry

Tuesday and Friday, 1:00pm–3:00pm

599 Canal Street, 6 East, Suite 17

Lawrence, MA 01841

Partnering with the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, NEVLH is proud to host a Food Pantry twice weekly for veterans and their family members. Please bring your DD 214 / Veteran ID with you to enroll.

Methuen YMCA Mobile Market

Each month, the Methuen YMCA hosts the [Greater Boston Food Bank](#) Mobile Market. This resource, which provides fresh, healthy food is open to all in the community. Participants simply drive up and volunteers will place bags of groceries in their cars. Each month, the BFB delivers 15,000 lbs of food in a tractor-trailer and offloads it at our Y Branch. Our Team and Volunteers then create food pantry bags and/or boxes from these pallets of dry goods, proteins, and produce, to distribute directly into vehicles, serving an average of 360 households.

DISTRIBUTION TIME

9 a.m. until the food runs out

DATES

2025:

September 27

October 25

November 22

December 20

2026:

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 16

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

If you would like more information about this free community resource, [visit the Greater Boston Food Bank website](#) or contact Cathy Redard at credard@mvymca.org