

A Guide to Accessing Food in Danbury

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Members of the Danbury Food Collaborative are implementing safety and hygiene precautions to protect the health of participants, volunteers, and staff. Pantries have transitioned from choice pantry models to pre-packaged bags, and they are adjusting sign-in and other processes to allow social distancing and enhanced sanitizing practices.

FOOD PANTRIES

Most food pantries provide shelf-stable food (pasta, canned goods, etc.) as well as fresh foods.

Association of Religious Communities

24 Delay St., Danbury CT 06810
(behind Family Dollar) / 203-792-9450
Open: Fridays
Food is distributed at 12pm
Eligibility: Anyone.
Documents needed: None.
Frequency of Visits: Unrestricted.

Bethel Community Food Pantry

141 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT
203-947-1754
Open: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:30-4:30pm by appointment
Eligibility: Priority is for Bethel residents.
Documents needed: Proof of address
Frequency of Visits: Twice per month

Community Action Agency of Western CT

10 Aaron Samuels Blvd., Danbury, CT 06810
203-744-4700 ext. 105
Open: Thursdays, 1-4 pm.
Eligibility: Individuals/families below 235% of Federal Poverty Limit.
Documents needed: Photo ID, income verification
Frequency of Visits: Once a month.

Daily Bread Food Pantry

25 West St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-748-3561
Open: Mondays, 12 pm - 1:30 pm;
Fridays, 10 am-11:30 am.
Eligibility: Anyone.
Documents needed: photo ID, proof of address
Frequency of Visits: Once a month.

Interfaith AIDS Ministry

54 Main St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-748-4077
Open: Thursday, 11 am-4 pm.
Eligibility: Individuals / families infected / affected by HIV / AIDS.
Documents needed: Physician signed form on being positive for HIV / AIDS.
Frequency of Visits: Every 2 weeks.

Jericho Food Pantry

22 Maple Ave, Danbury, CT 06810
203-794-7950 ext. 202
Open: Fridays, distribution starts at 1pm
Eligibility: All welcome for first visit, with photo ID. After first visit, you must apply for voucher to use the pantry. Please call for appointment.
Documents needed: Photo ID, address verification, paystub, children's birth certificate.
Frequency of Visits: Once a month.

Purple Heart Ministries Food Pantry

30 Elm St., Danbury, CT 06810
203-947-2141
Open: Wednesday, 2-3:30 pm
Eligibility: Anyone.
Documents needed: None.
Frequency of visits: Unrestricted.

The Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Food Pantry

15 Foster St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-792-7505
Pantry: Wednesdays, 9 am-12 noon
Breadline: Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-12pm
Eligibility: Residents of Greater Danbury.

Documents needed: Photo ID, proof of address, number of people in household.
Frequency of Visits: Once a month for the pantry, every week for the breadline.

Victory Christian Center Food Pantry

23 Eden Dr., Danbury, CT 06810
203-778-4444
Open: Every Monday, distribution starts at 1:30pm
Eligibility: Anyone in Greater Danbury.
Documents needed: Photo ID with address verification.
Frequency of Visits: Unrestricted

Walnut Hill Community Food Pantry

156 Walnut Hill Rd., Bethel, CT 06801
203-796-7373
Open: Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11 & 25, Dec 9 & 23 beginning at 5:30 pm
Eligibility: Anyone
Documents needed: None
Frequency of visits: Unrestricted

MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

The Connecticut Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry schedule is subject to change and will be continuously updated. Call 203-741-9752. Distributions in Danbury take place at Rogers Park Middle School and New Hope Baptist Church.

www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule/

CONGREGATE MEALS

Congregate meal providers offer prepared meals. Some also offer food pantry items for clients to take home.

Catholic Charities Morning Glory Program

11 Spring St., Danbury, CT / 203-349-2428
Morning Glory is temporarily suspending service. The program and its staff will continue to be a resource for clients and partners.

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

11 Spring St., Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-743-7988
Open: Kitchen is serving grab and go bags of food from 3 pm-4:30 pm daily.
Eligibility: Anyone.
Required documents: None.
Frequency of visits: Unrestricted.

DELIVERED GROCERY BAGS

Hillside Food Outreach

39 Old Ridgebury Rd., Suite 16, Danbury, CT
203-702-4881
Hillside Food Outreach is prepared to make home deliveries to quarantined people in the Danbury area. Call 203-702-4881 or visit their website for ways to help: <https://hillsidefoodoutreach.org>.

SNAP (Food Stamps)

End Hunger Connecticut! SNAP Call Center

www.endhungerct.org

The End Hunger Connecticut's SNAP Call Center remains in full operation to help with applications, redeterminations, and other assistance for SNAP. They are experiencing an influx of calls, so you may need to leave a message. English and Spanish support.
Call the toll-free SNAP Call Center at 866-974-SNAP (7627) To check hours and for more information, go to www.ctsnap.org.

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DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL MEALS

For Distant Learners, beginning 9/8/20, Grab-and-Go meals will be available each school day from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the below listed schools for any student enrolled in Danbury Public Schools (DPS). Each school day, a complete breakfast and lunch will be available. The student does not need to be present to receive meals. The parent or guardian may pick up meals for their child. Please drive up to the main school entrance and a meal will be delivered to you. Stations will be available for walk-ups. For verification purposes and before a meal is delivered, the staff will be required to check the DPS Student ID. If an ID is not available, the staff will request the student name. Locations and times could change. Please check the DPS website at www.danbury.k12.ct.us for updated information. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at schoollunch@danbury.k12.ct.us

Broadview Middle School, 72 Hospital Avenue
Rogers Park Middle School, 21 Memorial Drive
Westside Middle School, 1 School Ridge Rd
Ellsworth Avenue Elementary, 53 Ellsworth Avenue
Great Plain Elementary, 10 Stadley Rough Road
Hayestown Elementary, 42 Tamarack Road
King Street Intermediate School, 151 South King St.
King Street Primary School, 151 South King Street
Mill Ridge Primary School, 49-A High Ridge Road
Morris Street Elementary, 28 Morris Street
Park Avenue Elementary, 82 Park Avenue
Pembroke Elementary, 34 1/2 Pembroke Road
Shelter Rock Elementary, 2 Crows Nest Lane
South Street Elementary, 129 South Street
Stadley Rough Elementary, 25 Karen Road
AIS Magnet School, 201 University Boulevard

SENIOR FOOD RESOURCES

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Homebound Seniors

Danbury seniors who need food or groceries delivered can contact Connecticut Community Care at 203-591-5485.

If you are a homebound senior over the age of 60 who is not participating in the CT Homecare Program and would like Meals on Wheels, Call Western CT Area Agency on Aging at 800-994-9422 or 203-757-5449. They are arranging for a 2-week supply of meals to be delivered to homebound seniors.

Danbury Senior Center at Elmwood Hall

10 Elmwood Place, Danbury, CT 06810 / 203-797-4686

The Danbury Senior Center was a congregate meal site for seniors. Now 4 of the 5 meals are delivered to Danbury seniors twice a week. The Senior Center is at capacity and has started a waitlist. Call the Senior Center at 203-797-4686.

FARMERS MARKET

Danbury Farmers' Market

203-791-1711

Open: Fridays 10 am–2 pm, June 19th thru Oct. 30

Danbury Railway Museum, 120 White St. Visit www.DanburyFarmersMarket.org or Facebook DanburyConnecticutFarmers' Market

Eligibility: Open to all.

Accepts SNAP, WIC, Community Certificates. Provides unlimited \$1 for \$1 match for SNAP, up to \$9 match for WIC and Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program vouchers.

Veterans and Senior discount program proof needed.

Frequency of visits: Unrestricted.

Food: Fresh, local.

Food Rescue US

www.foodrescue.us 27 Ann St., Ground Floor, Norwalk, CT 06854(800) 280-3298

Food Rescue US is committed to ending American food insecurity by directly transferring fresh, usable food that would have otherwise been thrown away from restaurants, grocers & other sources to food-insecure families throughout the U.S. They are now providing individual meals to their social service partners, along with excess food donations. Please contact Danielle Blaine at danielle@foodrescue.us if you would like to volunteer or your organization is interested in receiving food donations.

DANBURY WIC PROGRAM (Women, Infants & Children)

203-456-1410

Currently all appointments are by phone.

Services:

Individual time to speak with a nutritionist or trained professional about your diet or your child's diet; breastfeeding support and information; referrals to health care and other social services; an eWIC card to buy healthy food for you or your children.

Eligibility:

Pregnant women (through pregnancy and up to 6 weeks after birth or after pregnancy ends); breastfeeding women (up to infant's 1st birthday); non-breastfeeding postpartum women (up to 6 months after the birth of an infant or after pregnancy ends); infants** (up to 1st birthday); children** up to their 5th birthday.

**fathers, grandparents, foster parents or other guardians may apply.

Requirements:

Must live in Connecticut. You do not need to be a U.S. citizen; must complete a nutrition assessment with WIC staff; must meet the WIC income guidelines which are set at or below 185% of the federal poverty income limit.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP

Donate: You can donate to the Danbury Food Collaborative by going to

www.uwwesternct.org/danburyfoodcollaborative

You can also donate directly to the food pantries listed on this guide.

Volunteer: If you want to volunteer to deliver food to the homebound, call Stacy Schulman at 203-826-8479 or

stacy.schulman@uwwesternct.org