



How you can help during the holidays: Drop off food items at Tulsa fire, police stations, libraries

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Nonperishable donations to the city food drive will go to Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. IAN MAULE/Tulsa World file

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What to donate; what's not accepted

Items needed

- Canned meats, canned fruits
- Canned and boxed meals, such as soup, macaroni and cheese
- Baby cereal and formula
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Canned or dried beans and peas
- 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed)
- Pasta, rice and cereal
- Products must be in their original packaging

Food that can't be accepted

- Homemade, home-canned, previously opened or unlabeled
- Perishable foods
- Alcohol
- Medicine
- Sodas
- Rusty and dented cans
- Outdated products

The city of Tulsa kicked off its eighth annual "Stock the Station" food drive Monday aimed at helping residents in need this holiday season.

The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma will be the recipient of food and donations collected by the drive and will be able to deliver goods to 130 partner programs in Tulsa, the city said.

Residents can drop off nonperishable food items at any Tulsa fire station, Tulsa police station or Tulsa City-County regional library through Dec. 19.



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"Tulsa is such a generous community, and I hope residents will join us in helping provide food for our fellow Tulsans this holiday season," Mayor G.T. Bynum said in a news release. "I especially want to thank our city team for coordinating a food drive that will positively impact our city."

Monetary donations will also be accepted by visiting okfoodbank.org. Residents can click the "Donate Now" button and then select Stock the Station from the drop-down menu so funds will be earmarked for the citywide food drive.

The Community Food Bank can turn \$1 into four meals for Tulsa families, the city said. This year, donations to the citywide food drive may be matched by the George Kaiser Family Foundation up to

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\$150,000.

"The Stock the Station drive is just another example of how caring Tulsa is," Eileen Bradshaw, food bank executive director, said in the release. "Our community comes together to provide food for our fellow Tulsans in need. The help is needed, and so appreciated."

More than 600,000 Oklahomans cannot always count on their next meal, the city said.

One in four Oklahoma children go to bed hungry at night.

"But (Tulsa) is America's most generous city," Bynum says in a video posted about the food drive on YouTube. "So this is our chance to turn that stat around."

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