**California food banks**

Individuals in California can turn to a local food bank for free or low cost meals, food and groceries. Many of the pantries listed below work with other local charities, churches, and non-profits in your county and town. Together the various groups in your county distribute food, groceries, produce, dairy products, baby formula, and much more to anyone who needs help.

The California food banks also partner with Feeding America, which is a national non-profit organization that operates in all 50 states across the country. Locations will also normally be able to help people apply for other government programs such as USDA Summer meals or the special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Together these various distribution centers can assist Californian families and individuals with accessing free food assistance and nutrition programs, including performing such activities as distributing fresh produce through the Farm to Family program. Information on other assistance programs such as CalFresh Program, WIC, or summer meals may be provided too.

Each and every year tens of millions of pounds of food are distributed to hundreds of thousands of individuals across California. While it is oftentimes the low income who request food, it is also very common for anyone who needs help to stop at a food bank. Many unemployed, people facing a short term financial hardship, the elderly, and others take advantage of the food pantries to meet their nutritional needs. There have been an increasing number of residents using the services of a nearby pantry due to the weak economy.

In addition to the food banks listed below, you can get food and other aid from California non-profits, government food programs, and also learn how people of all incomes can receive food at 50% off from organizations such as Angel Food Ministries.

**Alameda County Community Food Bank**

7900 Edgewater Drive

Oakland, California

510-635-3663

**Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County**

8014 Marine Way

Irvine, California

949-653-2900

*This non-profit works with churches and charities across Southern California. They provide those pantries with canned groceries, fresh fruits, rice, breads, and more. Those pantries they pass out the items to qualified clients.*

**Community Action Partnership of Orange County**

11870 Monarch Street

Garden Grove, CA

714-897-6670

*Administer several social services and can provide referrals and other support.*

**Food Bank of El Dorado County**

6230 Enterprise Drive

Diamond Springs

530-621-9950

*Free meals, groceries, and perishable items are offered by this center.*

**Community Resources Council**

133 Church Street

Roseville

916-783-0481

*Call for food, or information on local resources and assistance programs. Works with local charities such as the Salvation Army or community action agencies in California.*

**Interfaith Council of Amador County**

12181 Airport Road

Jackson, CA

209-267-9006

**Second Harvest Food Bank**

2950-B Jefferson Street

Riverside

951-359-4757

*Tens of thousands of Inland Empire California families receive help from this location every year. It distributes food, meats, canned goods, and government commodities. Also learn about holidays meals, and get information on public assistance like CalFresh.*

**Community Action Agency of Butte County**

2255 Del Oro Avenue

Oroville

530-538-7559

**California Food Bank of Sacramento**

5800 Foodlink Street

Sacramento, CA

916-387-9000

*This center supports the low income and working poor. Ask about applications for food stamps, Cal-Fresh, or get referrals to soup kitchens and pantries. Senior citizens can inquire into regional Meals on Wheels programs too.*

**Resource Connection**

206 George Reed Drive

San Andreas, CA

209-754-1257

**The Community Food Bank of San Benito County**

1133 San Felipe Road

Hollister, CA

831-637-0340

**Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano**

4010 Nelson Avenue

Concord, California

925-676-7543

*The non-profit food distribution center works with charities, churches, and pantries in the northern portion of the state. Call them for referrals and information on other local and regional resources.*

**Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County**

696 S. Tippecanoe Avenue

San Bernardino, California

909-723-1500

*Not only has information on food pantries, but may be able to coordinate financial assistance, housing, and other forms of aid for the needy.*

**Rural Human Services, Inc.**

286 M Street Suite A

Crescent City

707-464-7441

**San Diego Food Bank**

9850 Distribution Avenue

San Diego

858-527-1419

**Food Bank of El Dorado County**

6230 Enterprise Drive

Diamond Springs

530-621-9950

**San Francisco Food Bank**

900 Pennsylvania Avenue

San Francisco

415-282-1907

*The very low income, homeless, and others from the region turn to the center for free meals, clothing, and more. However they will more than likely receive referrals and other support.*

**Community Food Bank**

3403 E. Central Avenue

Fresno

559-237-3663

**San Joaquin County Human Services Agency**

2736 North Teepee Dr, Suite C

Stockton

209-468-0982

**Food For People, Inc.**

307 West 14th Street

Eureka

707-445-3166

*Programs are focused on low income families, seniors, and disabled. Meals, groceries, and emergency food boxes may be offered.*

**Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County**

2212 Golden Hill Road

Paso Robles

805-238-4664

*Snacks for students and children, specialty meals for seniors, formula, and more may be served. The center can refer residents to emergency food assistance programs in the region as well.*

**Imperial Valley Food Bank**

329 Applestill Road

El Centro

760-370-0966

**Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara/San Mateo**

750 Curtner Avenue

San Jose

408-266-8866

**Inyo/Mono Advocates For Community Action**

224 South Main Street

Bishop

760-873-8557

*Works with local pantries. Breads, rice, frozen foods, hot meals, and emergency boxes of food may all be served to the needy and low income.*

**Food Bank of Santa Barbara**

4554 Hollister

Santa Barbara

805-967-5741

**Community Action Partnership of Kern**

300 19th Street

Bakersfield

661-336-5236

*The non-profit can help people apply for government aid and other support. Some of what may be offered includes Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, food boxes, groceries, and perishable food items.*

**Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara/San Mateo**

750 Curtner Avenue

San Jose, CA

408-266-8866

**Kings County Community Action Organization**

1130 North 11th Avenue

Hanford, California

559-582-4386

**Second Harvest Food Bank Serving Santa Cruz**

800 Ohlone

Watsonville, CA

831-722-7110

**Clearlake Gleaners, Inc.**

1896 Big Valley Road

Finley, CA

707-263-8082

**Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs, Inc.**

100 Mercy Oaks Drive

Redding

530-226-3060

*As the name implies, focuses its resources on the elderly, homebound, and senior citizens in the region. Some programs include Meals on Wheels, healthy meals, congregate meals and more.*

**Lassen County Council on Aging**

1700 Sunkist Drive

Susanville, CA

530-257-4884

*Individuals over the age of 55, and their spouses, can turn to the aging office. Several recreation programs and services are available as well. Or get information on medical care and other aid. Applications may be available for low income energy bill assistance and programs such as Medicare.*

**Great Northern Corporation**

780 South Davis Street

Weed

530-938-1502

**Food Bank of Southern California**

1444 San Francisco Avenue

Long Beach

562-435-3577

*Works with other pantries, charities, and churches in southern California. Hot meals, free boxes of food, and other support is provided. Some basic needs such as household goods could be met.*

**Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**

1734 East 41st Street

Los Angeles

323-234-3030

*The two LA County food banks above may serve more people than any other food bank in the nation. Call them for hours of food distribution, and get lists and phone numbers of local pantries.*

**Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano**

4010 Nelson Avenue

Concord

925-676-7543

**Madera County Food Bank**

225 South Pine Street, Suite 101

Madera

559-674-1482

**Redwood Empire Food Bank**

3320 Industrial Drive

Santa Rosa

707-523-7900

**Marin Community Food Bank**

75 Digital Drive

Novato, CA

415-883-1302

**Salvation Army Modesto Citadel**

600 Janopaul Way

Modesto, California

209-522-3209

*A leading social service organization for the region. Free Christmas meals and gifts may be offered for children. Easter and Thanksgiving food baskets, a pantry, and more is available as well. Occasional funding or vouchers for bills or items like school supplies may be provided too.*

**Merced County Food Bank, Inc.**

2000 West Olive

Merced, California

209-726-3663

**Yuba/Sutter Gleaners Food Bank, Inc.**

760 Stafford Way

Yuba City

530-673-3834

**Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program, Inc.**

910 North Franklin

Fort Bragg, CA

707-964-9404

**Tehama County Gleaners**

13105 Coyote Lane

Red Bluff, California

530-527-1795

**Merced County Food Bank, Inc.**

2000 West Olive

Merced

209-726-3663

*Emergency food boxes, formula, vegetables, rice, and other food supplies are passed out.*

**Trinity County Food Assistance Program**

9069 3rd Street

Weaverville

530-623-5409

**Lassen County Council on Aging**

1700 Sunkist Drive

Susanville

530-257-4884

**Foodlink for Tulare County**

7427 West Sunnyview

Visalia, CA

559-651-3663

*Hot meals, lunches, breakfast and more may be served. Or get a box of groceries. All supplies are limited and come with income and other restrictions. They will try not to turn anyone away.*

**Inyo/Mono Advocates For Community Action**

224 South Main Street

Bishop

760-873-8557

**Amador/Tuolumne Community Action Agency, Inc.**

935 South State Highway 49

Jackson

209-223-1485

**Food Bank for Monterey County**

815 West Market Street, #5

Salinas

831-758-1523

**Food Share Inc. of Ventura County**

4156 North Southbank Road

Oxnard, CA

805-983-7100

*Works with a number of local churches and non-profits. Programs are focused on immigrants and Hispanics too. Call the center for free food or vouchers. Can also refer people to other local social service agencies in California, or clothing closets.*

**Community Action of Napa Valley**

3273 Claremont Way, Suite 207

Napa, California

707-253-6100

*Serves residents of northern California and the wine country.*

**Food Bank of Yolo County**

1244 Fortna Street

Woodland

530-668-0690

*Some of what may be served includes baby formula, household and basic needs such as diapers, free groceries, fruits, and perishable items. Donate or volunteer at the free pantry if you can.*

**Food Bank of Nevada County**

587 Sutton Way

Grass Valley

530-272-3796

**Yuba/Sutter Gleaners Food Bank, Inc.**

760 Stafford Way

Yuba City, CA

530-673-3834

Locations of more California food banks

If you are not having any success with the California food banks listed above, individuals and families who need further aid can dial 866-321-4435 for more information or locations.