Donation Guidelines

These guidelines apply to donations that go direct to partners (Ex: Grocers Against Hunger, convenience stores, produce markets)

**DAIRY, EGGS & PERISHABLE BEVERAGES**

- Refrigerated at 41F or below (NO freezing)
- Incomplete dozens of eggs are acceptable
- Dairy donations are accepted after the product date and before the following per category (see below)

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<td>Fluid dairy (milk, half &amp; half, etc.)</td>
<td>Cream cheese, Soft cheese</td>
<td>Eggs, Butter</td>
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<td>Refrigerated juice, perishable beverages</td>
<td>Sour cream, Yogurt</td>
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**PRODUCE**

- At least 80-90% of the whole/uncut produce must be usable
- Cut produce and bagged produce can be accepted up to 2 days past cut date
- Cut produce must be refrigerated at 41F or below
- Use discretion for quality

**MEAT, FISH & POULTRY**

- Meat must be frozen (freeze within 24 hours of product date)
- Frozen meat is accepted up to 180 days after product date
- Fish/seafood must be frozen prior to pickup
- Chilled raw meat is accepted on a case-by-case basis and must be prearranged with Philabundance team. If chilled:
  - Must be more than 24 hrs. before product date
  - Must be sorted by protein type (beef, chicken, pork)
- We **DO NOT** accept donations of meat/seafood meant to be consumed raw (ex: sushi, oysters)

**FROZEN (VEGGIES, RETAIL PACKAGING, ICE CREAM, ETC.)**

- Accepted up to 180 days after product date
- If double packaged, outer package damage is OK
- Product must be completely frozen prior to donating

**DRY STORAGE / NON-PERISHABLE**

- Soft packed (Ex: cereal, crackers, dried pasta, rice, etc.): Up to 60 days after product date
- Canned and jarred goods (Ex: soup, condiments, fish, etc.): Up to 180 days after product date

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BAKED GOODS
• If frozen, accepted up to 3 months after product date
• If not frozen, we can accept your donation up to 3-5 days past product date (use discretion for quality)

DELI & PREPARED
• Fresh deli product can be accepted within 3 days of product date (Ex: potato salad)
• Prepackaged potato salads, coleslaws, etc. can be accepted within 1 day of product date
• Deli meat can be accepted within 3 days of product date, OR 180 days if frozen before product date.

NON-FOOD / NON-TRADITIONAL DONATIONS
• Baby food/ formula: only accepted before product date
• Non-food items may be accepted depending on the partner
  • This includes: paper products, personal items, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, hygiene products, water, health items, etc.
  • Cookware and appliances
• We DO NOT accept pet products, medicine, clothing, decorations, household items or seasonal items (Flip flops, greeting cards, etc.)

WE CANNOT ACCEPT
• Food packed in boxes previously used to hold meat
• Damaged, compromised or bloated packaging
• Off odor or discoloration on product (use discretion for produce)
• Food with signs of mold, fungus, insects or decay
• Thawed and refrozen product or product with freezer burn (packaging contains ice crystals)
• Broken or chipped glass in packaging
• Foods kept at unsafe temperatures
• Food packaged in USDA boxes
• Items without an ingredient list

QUESTIONS
Contact us at retailrescue@Philabundance.org or 215-339-0900 ext. 7000

Thank you for your donation!