

INFORMATION & POLICIES FOR REGISTRANTS



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The King Township Food Bank is for the exclusive use of residents of King Township. There are three Distribution Centres. It is a totally volunteer organization, incorporated and a registered charity. The objective of the Food Bank is to offer food assistance to all those residents of King who need help. The Food Bank understands it is hard to ask, and the volunteers welcome all those who apply. We operate on a strictly honour system, expecting that there is genuine need. No financial information is requested.

A registration unit comprises all those residing at the same address, including live-in members who are not related. Each unit must be registered at a Distribution Centre in order to receive food. Transfers are possible, but only the registered Centre will release food or food cards. A registration form must be completed as well as an annual update. Registrants need only provide proof of residency in King to receive assistance. All the users of the Food Bank within the unit must be listed on the registration form. Those with dietary restrictions will receive food cards in lieu of the boxes and associated blue bin items. Distribution Day is the **THIRD** Saturday of every month, with the possible exception of December. From 9a.m.-11a.m. the three centres are open to provide boxes of food and grocery cards to registered users.

Note: Only the named registrant will be given food and or grocery cards.

The monthly offering includes prepacked boxes of food according to the size of the family, along with associated blue bin items that include cereal, crackers, cookies, peanut butter, juice and sometimes tea and coffee. There is also pet food and bathroom tissue. In addition there are free choice offerings of items comprising all donated foods not suitable for the menu boxes. These may include past date goods, and those concerned about best before dates should be sure to check carefully. York Region Public Health recognizes that canned goods are acceptable two years past date.

Fresh produce is also offered: always apples, and a selection of vegetables that changes seasonally. In addition, a selection of breads is usually part of the distribution.

Registrants not needing the Food Bank are requested to advise by phone, or email indicating their name and Distribution Centre to save the volunteers time and shipping. An unexplained absence will be taken to mean no further need for assistance, and the name will be removed from the registration files for packing the next month. This means that no allocation will be shipped to the Centre the following month.

The Distributors have formed a team that offers back to school backpacks and supplies at the August Distribution. Speak to your Distributor in order to register your children by June Distribution Day.

Questions? Call the Food Bank line (905) 806-1125 and leave a number where you can be reached as well as the reason for your call, especially if you need an emergency supply of food. Every call is handled confidentially. We do not call back unless you leave instructions to do so, for reasons of confidentiality.

The website is www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca and email ktfoodbank@gmail.ca

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