

List of Food Resources in Carver County

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This list may not represent all resources available in Carver County. Email communityresponse@co.carver.mn.us with any additions or corrections to the listings.

Map of food assistance resources in Carver County: <https://arcg.is/0LXDOn>

Food Shelves

Food shelves provide food and basic personal care items. No ID is required to obtain food.

[Bountiful Basket \(Chaska\)](#)

- Call to schedule an appointment to shop or for curbside pickup: 952-556-0244
- Deliveries are available through Southwest Transit the first and third Tuesday of each month
- Open regularly scheduled hours:
 - Monday: 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - First and Third Saturday of each month 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[Friends for Life \(Watertown\)](#)

- Call to schedule an appointment to shop: 952-955-1980
- Open regularly scheduled hours:
 - Monday: 6-8 p.m.
 - Tuesday/Friday: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[PROP \(Eden Prairie\)](#)

- Call 952-937-9120 to place a food order for pickup—*same day order and pickup only*
- Call in hours:
 - Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. –1 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 4—6:15 p.m.

[Southwest Carver County Food Shelf \(Norwood Young America\)](#)

- Call to schedule an appointment to shop: 952-467-1870
- Open regularly scheduled hours:
 - Tuesday: 12:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 - First Saturday of the month: 10 a.m. –12 p.m.

[Waconia United Food Shelf](#)

- Volunteers will pack a seven-day supply of food and essential items into bags for curbside pickup. Clients get to choose from a variety of additional items as available.
- Open new hours:
 - Monday and Saturday: 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
 - Thursday: 4 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

[His House Foundation / Abundance Food Program:](#)

- Will deliver basic necessities, including food, to individuals and families
- Contact Martha via text at 612-325-4693

Little Free Pantries

Similar to the Little Free Library concept, these food pantries are located outside and are unstaffed. Food is donated by community members, and people may take what they need at any time of the day.

- **Hamburg Little Free Food Shelf:** Located on the corner of Brad and Park on Security Bank's property.
- **Little Free Pantry in Chaska:** Located on the corner of 4th Street and Walnut Street in Chaska, in front of the Chaska Moravian Church.

Food Assistance Programs

- The [Hunger Solutions Helpline](#) can help identify food resources in your area. Prefer to talk to someone? Contact the Helpline at 1-888-711-1151.
- The [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP) helps supplement the food and nutrition needs of people with low incomes. These benefits are for eligible families and individuals of all ages, including children and seniors. SNAP eligibility depends on your household's size and income. Apply online at <https://applymn.dhs.mn.gov> or call (952) 496-2125.
 - Additional benefits may be available for families with school-aged children due to the effects of COVID-19.
 - Online ordering and delivery is now available through Amazon and Walmart.
- The [Women, Infants and Children](#) Program (WIC) provides nutritious foods and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5. Eligibility is based on income. To determine eligibility and to apply for an appointment call (952) 567-8229 or go to <https://www.capagency.org/education/women-infant-children-wic/>
- [Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer \(P-EBT\)](#) is a temporary food benefit available to Minnesota families with children who would have received free or reduced-price meals if schools were open. Families with eligible children will receive a one-time payment of \$325 per child on a new or existing EBT card to help fill the gap created by a loss of school meals. Families with children ages 5-18 as of Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible for P-EBT benefits if:
 - Their child's school is closed due to COVID-19; and
 - They were receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) benefits as of March 18, 2020; or
 - Their child was receiving free or reduced-price school meals during the 2019-2020 school year; or
 - Their child is enrolled in a school that offers free school meals to all students.

How to apply:

- Families with eligible children ages 5-18 who were receiving SNAP and/or MFIP as of March 18 do not need to apply. Benefits will automatically be added.
- Families who received free or reduced-price school meals in the 2019-2020 school year or attended a school that offers free school meals to all students – but who were *not* receiving SNAP or MFIP benefits as of March 18 – must complete an online application at mn.p-ebt.org between June 8, 2020, and July 31, 2020.

School Meals

Free Summer Meals

Some school districts are offering free summer meals to children up to 18 years old. For a list of schools participating, go to [Hunger Impact Partners](#). An app is available for download to help you find locations nearest to you.

Local restaurants offering free meals

- Hunger Solutions [created a map](#) to list restaurants offering free meals for kids during COVID-19 closings. This map is updated regularly by [Hunger Solutions](#).

**note these may change without notice*

Food Delivery

[SmartLink Grocery and Goods Delivery](#)

New and existing SmartLink customers can order groceries and household essentials online from a store that has online shopping and local pick up. SmartLink will pick your order up and deliver to your house at no cost. Contact Customer Service to schedule your free delivery service today: (952) 496-8341

Help with Ordering Online Groceries

Over-the-phone assistance and step-by-step guides for those learning how to order groceries online. Call 612-626-FOOD (3663) for phone assistance or visit z.umn.edu/ggap. This service is provided by the University of Minnesota's Medical Reserve Corps.

Grocery Stores

Grocery stores that deliver in Carver County*

- [ALDI](#): uses [Instacart](#), store pickup available
- [Cub Foods](#): uses [Instacart](#), store pickup available
- [Kowalski's](#): delivery to Eastern Carver County only, store pickup available
- [Lund's and Byerly's](#): delivery to certain zip codes, store pickup available
- [Mackenthun's](#): delivery to Waconia area only, store pickup available

Other grocery services in or near Carver County*

- [Coborn's](#): Curbside pickup in Belle Plaine and Glencoe
- [Instacart](#): third party shopping service. Shop online and individuals will purchase and delivery groceries to your door.
- [Shipt](#): third party shopping service. Shop online and individuals will purchase and delivery groceries to your door. Available only for residents in Chaska, Chanhassen and Victoria.

**note that many grocery delivery services have a fee and may have a minimum order*

Local Prepared Meal Delivery

- [Meals on Wheels from the CAP Agency](#): meals for adults 60+. Suggested donation of \$5 per meal, but no one will be denied service if unable to pay.
 - Chanhassen residents: contact (952) 227-1127
 - Chaska, Carver and Victoria residents: contact (952) 448-9303, ext. 1132

- Waconia, Cologne, Mayer and NYA residents: contact (952) 442-5478
- [The Gold Fork](#): Meal delivery from Mario's Italian Kitchen for seniors in Watertown only, just \$50/month

Local Food Delivery and Carryout

- [Map of food and beverage establishments](#) open in Carver County during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [NYA Area Chamber of Commerce's Facebook Page](#) for restaurants offering delivery, carryout, drive-thru or curbside pickup.
- [Waconia Chamber of Commerce's Facebook Page](#) for restaurants offering delivery, carryout, drive-thru or curbside pickup.

Prepared or Prepare-at-Home Meals via the Mail

- There are a variety of companies offering meal kits to be prepared at home, including [Blue Apron](#), [Hello Fresh](#), [Home Chef](#) and more
- [Mom's Meals](#): Frozen, ready to microwave meals, special diets available. 1-877-508-6667