



Waste Not Food Taxi

a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation

Reducing Food Waste, Fighting Hunger

Temporary Procedure Changes

While Oregon is in a state of emergency over COVID 19, Waste Not Food Taxi will minimize food handling and potentially change some donor and recipient contacts depending on our drivers' interest in continuing through the crisis. If you prefer not to drive or handle food donations during this time, please contact Susie directly at susie@wastenotfoodtaxi.org.

There will be no repackaging during this period. Foods will be picked up in disposable containers and delivered in the same containers with no stops in between. No food will be left at the Waste Not shed.

There will be no food box deliveries to individual homes, only to organizations. If you or people you know need food assistance during this period, Susie can refer you/them to local pantries that have better sanitation facilities.

New Guidelines for Drivers:

- Please keep hand sanitizer in your car. Use it every time you get into the car, before you start to drive. Anyone who uses your car should do the same. If you need hand sanitizer, contact Susie. We have a couple of quarts and we can transfer 2-4 ounces to a container you provide, if necessary.
- Carry 2 pairs of disposable gloves to each pickup. (Susie has lots of gloves.) When you arrive at the donor location, get out of your car, then put on gloves. Face masks are also available but not required. Once the food is stowed in your car, get back in the driver seat, then remove the gloves and discard (or set aside). When you reach the recipient location, get out of the car and put on the second pair of gloves, then unload boxes. Discard gloves only after you are back in your car.
- Any unwrapped/unpackaged food requires special handling. Fresh whole fruit, for example, should be dipped in a solution of one ounce of bleach per gallon of water. Either the donor or the recipient should take this step, but drivers can help communicate and make sure it's happening. School foods are being sanitized prior to donation.
- If you have any cold or flu symptoms – cough, fever, difficulty breathing – do not drive food donations. Contact Susie to have a substitute cover for you.
- If you're picking up from schools, please do not enter offices or any school buildings or student areas. Drive directly to the kitchen back door. Ring the bell or phone the cafeteria when you arrive. The staff will wheel a cart out to you. Please do not enter the kitchen or touch anything besides the door, doorbell, and cart.

We might not be able to cover some of our smaller pickups. Some programs that have been receiving repackaged food may not be able to accept bulk packages. Each donation, drive, and recipient will need to decide for themselves whether continuing to move food is in their best interests or those of the community at large. Unfortunately, as resources drop during this time, needs will increase. We intend to do as much as we can for people in need while maintaining these safety standards.

These procedures will remain in place for a minimum of 30 days (until Easter), or until health authorities determine that the danger has passed.

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