**Food Donation Guidelines for Restaurants**

If you have surplus food that you would like to donate, the following organizations in Salem are accepting food:

***Note: Please call first before dropping off food.***

**Root**

Chef Sam Hunt: 508 816 1044 (may be able to pick up donations)

Shetland Park, 35 Congress Street Suite 2350, Salem, MA

***Root will accept perishable and non-perishable foods, but no prepared foods please.***

**Lifebridge**

Karen Andrew, Kitchen Manager: 978-744-0500

56 Margin Street, Salem, MA

***Lifebridge will accept perishable, non-perishable AND prepared foods.***

**Citizens Inn/Haven from Hunger**

978-531-1530 (may be able to pick up donations)

71 Wallis Street, Peabody, MA

***Citizens Inn*** ***will accept perishable, non-perishable AND prepared foods.***

**Salvation Army**

978-744-5181

93 North Street, Salem, MA

***Salvation Army* *will accept perishable, non-perishable AND prepared foods.***

**Food Safety**

While the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Law provides protection to businesses donating food to nonprofit organizations, there are still food safety guidelines that must be followed:

* Temperature logs must accompany all donated perishable, semi-perishable and prepared foods per the Salem Board of Health.
* In accordance with Massachusetts law, perishable and semi-perishable foods must bear a date label, and food sold or donated past that date label must be safe for human consumption.
* For foods that may contain allergens, a warning label should be put on the package stating that the food may contain allergens and that people who may have an allergic reaction should not consume it.

**For additional information on food donations:** <https://recyclingworksma.com/donate/>