

Food Donation Policy

Target identifies certain perishable and non-perishable food items that do not meet our merchandising standards, but are still edible. These items are donated to a Feeding America Food Bank. This policy applies to price change salvage product and defective/damaged red label product. It does not apply to vendor serviced product.

View a list of approved [Food Donations](#).

Due to FDA regulations Target does **not** salvage food. This includes food from all categories: red label damaged/returned, price change seasonal salvage and price change clearance salvage.

Which products are acceptable for donation?

View a list of [donatable food items](#). *NOTE* Only locations indicated [on this list](#) are approved for perishable donations. All other locations may only donate non-perishable items to their assigned food bank.

Items Not Acceptable for Donation


- Items that have passed their freshness date (out-dated), excluding bakery product
- Meat and Seafood products (you will be notified if exceptions occur)
- Pharmaceuticals (Medicines)
- Infant Formula
- Baby Food
- Produce (approved stores only)
- Deli items (approved stores only)
- Any item that would require an unreasonable time to prepare for donation.

Recalled Merchandise

Products which are the subject of a recall must not be donated. Follow the directions received from headquarters to process these items.


Preparing Items for Donation

Stores Approved for Perishable Donations:

Step	Actions
	<p>Using the culling guide and referencing the Unsalable Food Disposition Guidelines, place items that do not meet Target merchandising standards into an apple/banana or similar food grade quality box for donation.</p> <p>Produce items may all be placed into one box and do not need to be separated by item.</p>

	<p>Food should be staged and stored for pick up in the appropriate location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freezer • Cooler • Back Room <p>Each area of the freezer, cooler and backroom should be segregated appropriately and labeled for donation.</p>
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Non-perishable Donations:

Step		Actions
		<p>Place items that do not meet Target merchandising standards into an apple/banana or similar food grade quality box for donation.</p>

Donation Pick-Up

Reverse logistics is responsible for arranging with the local Feeding America representative a pick-up schedule prior to store opening. If the store is already open, establish a pick-up schedule immediately.

The foodbank representative arrives at the Target store for pick up:

- Items are either brought to the dock by a Target team member or the foodbank driver is directed to the pick up locations within the location.
- The foodbank driver reviews chemical donation product, selects items for donation and places in Feeding America approved bin or box.

A [receipt of donation form](#) must be completed and signed for each donation pick up.

Receipt of Donation Form

All charities must complete the [Receipt of Donation Form](#) when picking up donatable product. Foodbank driver and Target team member complete Receipt of Donation form:

- Original form retained by Target
- Copy given to foodbank driver

Questions? Please email the Resource Recovery team at: Target.Salvage@target.com. If you have an **emergency**, please call Alert One (1-800-633-1609).

Any deviations from this policy or donations of food to programs other than Feeding America must be approved by the Resource Recovery Team.