

Fight Back Against Hunger with the 2019 Emergency Services Food Drive

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The Emergency Services Food Drive is Community Connections Food Bank's largest annual initiative to raise food donations and bring awareness to hunger within our community. For one night only on Tuesday, September 17 Emergency Service crews will team up with local groups and take to the streets to fight back against hunger. This door-to-door campaign helps to fill our shelves for the upcoming months. **Each year, 25% of food for the entire year is raised during this important food drive.**

Community Connections' Food Bank provides food for over 250 local households each year – 30% of recipients are children. Food insecurity is a harsh reality for many in Revelstoke! Our Food Bank relies solely on funding and donations; we can't do this without our community!

Diet-related illness in the general population is on the rise and is especially the case in lower-income populations who frequent food banks. In order to prioritize healthy offerings, we have a "wish list" of food items that are most needed. As always, financial donations are welcomed and will be used to purchase healthy, perishable foods such as fresh vegetables, fruit and dairy.

If you will be away during the event or have been missed, please drop off food donations at Save-On Foods in our donation bin or at our Main Office (314- 2nd Street St East) Monday to Friday during office hours.

In addition to the door-to-door campaign, Save-On- Foods & Southside Market accepts \$2 donations at their tills year round- ask a cashier to add it to your grocery bill to help the cause.

Listen for the sirens, raid your cupboards and give food to help feed those in need!

For more information or to see how you can get involved, please visit www.community-connections.ca.

WISH LIST

In general, we ask that all food items must be in good condition (nothing that's past its expiry date, no dented or damaged cans and no unlabelled items).

- Canned tomatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Dried and/or canned soup
- Pasta and sauces
- Canned tuna and salmon
- Peanut butter and other nut butters
- Rice and grains
- Cereal
- Personal care items – bathroom tissue, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.
- Pet food

Note: We cannot accept home canned products or items that have been partially used