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**Donated not Wasted – Lee County’s seventh annual food-rescue campaign  
begins as seasonal residents head north**

*Donations to be accepted March 18 through April 1*



Lee County Solid Waste’s seventh annual “Donated not Wasted” food rescue campaign encourages seasonal residents and visitors to donate unopened pantry items before returning north.

Estero residents can drop off unopened canned or dry goods from Monday, March 18, to Monday, April 1, at the South County Regional Library, [21100 Three Oaks Parkway](#) or Estero Recreation Center, [9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd.](#)

Since the program’s inception, more than 31,100 pounds of food has been diverted from potential disposal and sent to the Harry Chapin Food Bank – enough food to provide more than 25,900 meals to residents.

Join Lee County Solid Waste, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Waste Pro, the Lee County Library System, the Sanibel Public Library and Lee County Parks & Recreation in this effort to help route food that might otherwise end up in the waste stream to the county’s population of people in need.

For more information, visit [www.leegov.com/solidwaste](http://www.leegov.com/solidwaste) or call 239-533-8000.