

Saugeen Food Bank Update

Restructuring of the Program

The Saugeen Food Bank has created a new process to how we are going to service our clients. The purpose of these changes is to create a more efficient and accessible program for those in need. It has been observed that access only one day a month to emergency food assistance isn't practical. Additionally, due to the lack of storage and space to run the program out of, we have also missed out on the opportunity to accept and seek food donations from surrounding donors and vendors. Now that we have a location to implement these new changes (the portable on Mason Drive between the ACYPS and the Elder's Facility), we can create a smoother and more effective service to the food bank clients.

New Process and Guidelines

- Food Bank can only be accessed once a month or once every 4 weeks
- Appointments are required to access the Food Bank during client hours
- Each client is required to complete an Application for Assistance and will be assessed based on their specific needs
- On the day of your appointment, please bring photo I.D. as well as income verification

Hours of Operation

We are open on a weekly basis, beginning April 11, by appointment only, please call to book your appointment with our Food Bank Coordinator, Melissa Snowdon. Our client hours are:

Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Volunteers

With the new program beginning, we will need consistent volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to help clients select their food hampers, if you are interested in donating your time one day a week please contact me.

Donation Boxes

Currently we have three donation boxes in and around our community for those who are interested in donating to our food bank. All donations are appreciated and help significantly towards servicing our clients in need. Donations will be picked up weekly. Locations of the bins are; James Mason Recreation Centre, G.C. Huston Public School, and Saugeen Gas Bar/ Healthy Haven. When donating to the bins, non-perishable items only please. If you wish to donate fresh items, please contact me and I can arrange drop off or pick up.

Kindest Regards,

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