



Food Security Resources

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For Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

[Dorothy's Kitchen](#)

Serve two meals a day, every day Breakfast 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m and lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Emergency food boxes are available Monday through Friday from 11:00 am-noon. Contact: (831) 320-8765 Location: 30 Soledad St, Salinas, CA

[Gathering for Women](#) - Women Only

Provides hot nutritious meals including Breakfast from 8:00 am-9:30 am, Lunch from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm, and Bag Lunches Monday-Friday. Contact: 831-241-6154 Location: 147 El Dorado Street Monterey, CA

[Pass the Word Ministry](#)

Provides food, clothing, toiletries, bibles, books, bikes, and hygiene services every Saturday morning at El Estero Park in Monterey, rain, or shine. Contact: ptwm.mry@gmail.com Location: 725 Pearl St, Monterey, CA

[Salinas United Methodist Church](#)

Provides breakfast Monday through Friday from 7:00–8:00 am and lunch Sunday through Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Other Services include clothes closet, safe space, and toiletries. Contact: 831-424-0855 Location: 404 Lincoln Ave Salinas, CA

[Sabu Shake Good Samaritan center](#)

Provides daily hot meals from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. Food Boxes are available from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. The Center is only open from 8:30 am-12:00 pm on the 3rd Friday of each month. Daily meals are also served at the Naval Postgraduate location 11:15 am-11:45 am, Monday-Thursday. Contact: (831) 899-4988 Location: 800 Scott St. Sand City, CA 93955

[Victory Mission](#) Food

Provides food bags, snacks, cold water, coffee, and hot meals every day from 11:00am-1:00 pm and 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. A nutritious dinner is also prepared and available at 6:30 pm to those in need 365 days a year. Contact: (831) 424- 5688 Location: 43 Soledad Street, Salinas CA 93901

Food Distribution (Open to all unless specified):

Monterey County Free Libraries – Admin Office -

- For: low income residents, seniors, youth, veterans and individuals with chronic illnesses or are experiencing homelessness
- Address: 188 Seaside Circle
- When: 1st Monday of Every Month from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m

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Holy Assembly Missionary Baptist Church

- Address: 3305 Adby Way
- When: 3rd Saturday of Every Month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Marina High School (All In Monterey)

- Address: 298 Patton Pkwy, Marina, CA 93933

- When: Tuesdays & Fridays from 4:30pm - 6 pm

St Francis Xavier Church

- Address: 1475 La Salle Avenue
- When: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Bethel Baptist Church

- Address: 390 Elm Avenue
- When: Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Seaside High School (All In Monterey)

- Address: 2200 Noche Buena St.
- When: Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. until supplies run out.

Shoreline Church

- Address: 2500 Garden Rd, Monterey, CA 93940
- When: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Alisal Community School (Produce Truck Distribution)

- Address: 1437 Del Monte Ave
- When: Thursday (10/30/25) from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Frank Paul Family Resource Center (Produce Truck Distribution)

- Address: 1296 Rider Ave
- When: Tuesday (10/14/25) from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

La Paz Middle School (Produce Truck Distribution)

- Address: 1300 N. Sanborn Rd.
- When: Wednesday (10/1/25, 10/15/25) from 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr Academy (Produce Truck Distribution)

- Address: 925 N. Sanborn Rd.
- When: Tuesday (10/21/25) from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

University Park Elementary (Produce Truck Distribution Site)

- Address: 833 W. Acacia St.
- When: Tuesday (10/28/25) from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Santa Rita Elementary School

- Address: 2014 Santa Rita St.
- When: Wednesday (10/8/25) from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sherwood Elementary

- Address: 110 S. Wood St.

- When: Thursday (10/23/25) from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Alisal Integrated Health Center (Produce Truck Distribution Site)

- Address: 331 N Sanborn Rd
- When: Monday (10/20/25) from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monterey Food Bank

- Address: 715 Jefferson St.
- When: Every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

- Address: 72 E. San Joaquin St.
- When: 3rd Wednesday of Every Month from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Salinas Valley Community Church

- Address: 368 San Juan Grade Road
- When: 4th Friday of Every Month from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Grace Christian Fellowship

- Address: 111 Prado Street
- When: Every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Food Policies & Community Initiatives

- [UglyFruitAndVeg](#): Program that promotes reducing food waste and sustainable food practices.
- Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act: Encourages food donors to donate by protecting them from liability
- [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 2178](#): Allows Limited Service Charitable Feeding Operations to qualify for and obtain a registration instead of an Environmental Health permit.
- [SB1383 Organics Recycling](#): Requires Monterey County residents to collect food scraps and requires businesses to recover edible food by donating it to local food banks or non-profit organizations.
- [Monterey County Food Systems Collaborative](#): Food professionals and enthusiasts of all kinds. Healthcare leaders. Chefs. City planners. Compost enthusiasts. Farmers market founders. Educators. Equity advocates. Everyone and anyone invested in extending nutritious and locally grown produce to all is welcome to join the conversation.
- [Project FoodBox](#): Grocery delivery program that provides fresh, nutritious food to patients with medical needs
- [Double Up Food Bucks](#): Providing a 50 percent discount on California-grown produce for CalFresh shoppers from participating grocery stores. [Fresh Rx](#): Partnership between health care providers and farmers markets where doctors “prescribe” fresh fruits and vegetables to patients and direct them to a farmers market where they can receive \$25-\$35 worth of fresh produce.

- [Everyone's Harvest Market Match](#): CalFresh/EBT shoppers' - \$1 for \$1 match for fresh fruits and vegetables. \$30 on card & \$30 match = \$60 daily max
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Donations & Volunteer Efforts

Nancy's Project

Nancy's project's mission is to deliver food and other necessities to the farm worker community in Salinas. They need help from volunteers like you to continue this mission and help with donation pick ups, van driving and loading.

Donations (All currently accepting food donations)

Al and Friends & Coastal Connect Dry Goods Food Drive

*Accepting non-perishable food, paper products, sanitizing products, financial contributions and gift card contributions from 11/3 - 11/16

Donation Drop off location: Other Brother Beer

CUSD & Mearth Thanksgiving food boxes

*Donations needed by November 19th, seeking donations of non perishable food

Location: Drop off at River School, Tularcitos, CMS or CHS (College and Career Center)

Contact: Sara Greco sgreco@carmelunified.org

All In Monterey

Donations accepted: No open food. Prepared food can be accepted on a case by case basis.

Location: 1650 Sonoma Ave, Seaside, California 93955 Contact: (831) 869-5602

Donations: Venmo: @All-In-2 Paypal or Zelle: treasurer@allinmonterey.org

Amazon Wish List: [Here](#)

Provides: Fresh food such as fruits and vegetables, also canned goods, protein. (Drive through style food distribution) every wednesday from 4:30pm till supplies last

Al & Friends

Donations accepted: All food types, needs prepared food

Location for donations: 301 Cypress Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 Contact: (831) 402-0820

Donations: [Here](#)

Volunteer: Currently Full Contact greg@alandfriends.org for possible openings

Provides: Hot, wholesome, and nutritious meals to the community Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to around 9:30 a.m., rain or shine, at 717 Del Monte Ave, Monterey, CA 93940.

The Big Share

Donations accepted: All food types (List of needs: [Here](#))

Location: 46475 Pfeiffer Ridge Rd Big Sur, CA 93920

Contact: 541-951-7400

Donate: [Here](#)

Provides: Farm fresh produce and other pantry staples at The Grange (47090 CA-1, Big Sur, CA 93920), every Monday from 12-2, rain, wind or shine.

CSUMB Basic Needs - For CSUMB students, staff, faculty, and employees -

Donations accepted: All food types as well as toiletries, diapers and clothes

Location: 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955

Contact: (831) 582-3522

Donate: [Here](#)

Provides: Basic necessities all students need to thrive and be successful such as adequate food, stable housing and physical and mental well-being support. Redwood Hall, Building 12, Room 152

Cypress Church Food Pantry

Donations accepted: All food types; DROP OFF ONLY

Location: 681 Monterey-Salinas Highway, Salinas, CA 93908

Contact: (831) 484-2141.

Provides: Food pantry open Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm at Cypress Community Church

Dorothy's Kitchen

Donations accepted: All food types

Location: 30 Soledad St., Salinas, CA 93902

Contact: (831) 276-5123

Donate: [Here](#)

Volunteer: [Here](#)

Provides: Breakfast 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 30 Soledad St, Salinas

New Hope Baptist Church Food Pantry

Donations accepted: In-date non-perishables

Location: 221 King St, Salinas, CA 93905

Contact: (831) 422-4419

Provides: Assistance with non-perishable foods as well as some fresh staples (bread, meat) as possible. We will assist members of our community (Zip code 93903) on the third Monday of each month, from 9-10 am. To receive help, clients must bring: an ID (such as a driver's license), and proof of current address (such as a recent utility bill).

New Life Church Food Pantry

Donations accepted: Meat, eggs, dairy, individually packaged prepared goods, and non-perishable items

Location: 800 N Main St, Salinas, CA 93906

When: Every Wednesday 12 to 2 pm

Contact: 831-512-3157

Provides: Food Pantry available every Wednesday 12pm to 2pm

"Sabu Shake, Sr." Good Samaritan Center

Donations accepted: Non perishable food, paper products, sanitizing products, financial contributions and gift cards

Location for donations and aid: 800 Scott St., Sand City, CA 93955
Provides: Daily hot meal: 10:30am Food Boxes Available: 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
Contact: (831) 899-4988
Donate: [Amazon wish list](#) or [Here](#)

Shoreline Church Food Pantry

Donations accepted: Accepts non perishable goods (See needs [here](#))
Location: Shoreline Community Church
Contact: foodpantry@shorelinechurch.org
Donate: [Here](#)
Provides: Food, clothing and prayer (offered) open Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Cupboard

Donations accepted: Non-perishable food donations are accepted. Please bring items to Mass or bring to Parish Small Hall during Food Cupboard hours Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 - 2:00pm
Location: 362 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Provides: A bag of non-perishable food to everyone generally has bread, toiletries and sometimes produce and meat to give out.

Thomas Carman's Food Pantry

Donations and volunteers are needed. The Pantry distributes food bags and is open on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Anyone in need is welcome. Customers are required to register and provide some form of identification.
Location: Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church
Thomas Carman Food Pantry, 425 Carmel Avenue, Marina, CA 93933

Free Services for Individuals with SNAP (Until benefits are reactivated)

Rebecca's Bakery

Offer: 5 Free bolillos per family
When: Every day 5:00 AM-7:45 PM
Location: 15 1st Street, Watsonville, CA

Salinas City Barbeque

Offer: Free meal for children of families impacted by the shutdown, no strings attached
When: Open 7AM - 9PM
Location: 700 W. Market St 93901

Astra Bread Co.

Offer: Bring proof of SNAP benefits and receive a free loaf of bread
When: Daily 9 am (Quantities limited)
Location: 479 Alvarado Street, Monterey, CA

Senior Food Resources

[Food Bank of Monterey County](#)

To ensure that no senior goes hungry, we distribute nutritious food for meals to hundreds of homebound seniors who can no longer shop and cook for themselves. Each week we distribute fresh produce and other nutritious staples to seniors in need at 18 senior centers throughout the county and to homebound seniors via Meals On Wheels. Learn more [Here](#).

[Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula](#)

At Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, we believe everyone deserves access to nourishing food—regardless of age, ability, or circumstance. Whether you're homebound, need extra support at home, or simply looking for a healthy meal and friendly company, we offer multiple ways to get the meals you need. Get Meals [Here](#)

[Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley](#)

We have been serving the needs of seniors throughout the Salinas Valley for 53 years and continue delivering meals, nurturing hearts and nourishing seniors, through our home delivered meals program, congregate meals program and senior social lunches. [Contact](#) us to get meals!

[Double Up Food Bucks](#)

Program that gives CalFresh/EBT shoppers a 50% discount for up to \$15/day for CA grown fruits and vegetables at participating grocery stores. Participating grocery stores include:

- **Mercado la Princesa**
614 Williams Road, Salinas, CA 93905
(831) 422-3599
Open Monday-Sunday: 7am - 10pm
- **La Princesa Market**
516 E Alisal Street, Salinas, California, CA 93905
(831) 754-1317
Open Monday-Sunday: 8am-8pm
- **Princesa Market**
950 N Sanborn Rd, Salinas, CA 93905
(831) 256-2810
Open Monday-Sunday: 7am-9pm
- **El Rey Fresh Produce**
201 E Alisal Street, Salinas, CA, 93901
(831) 758-0225
Open Monday-Sunday: 6:00am-9pm

Everyone's Harvest Farmers Markets

Marina Farmers Market

- **Location:** 215 Reservation Road, Marina, CA
- **Time:** Sunday 10 am - 2 pm (Year-round)
- The market accepts EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP benefits and conducts a Market Match program for EBT customers to increase their spending power. For every \$1 you spend on your EBT card, Market Match will match \$1 to buy fresh produce up to \$30 per day (\$30 on your EBT card = \$60).
- [Availability Chart](#)

Pacific Grove Farmers Market

- **Location:** The corner of Central and Grand Avenues, Pacific Grove, CA
- **Time:** Monday 3 pm - 7 pm (Spring, Summer, and Fall)
 - Winter Time: 3 pm - 6 pm
- The market accepts EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP benefits and conducts a Market Match program for EBT customers to increase their spending power. For every \$1 you spend on your EBT card, Market Match will match \$1 to buy fresh produce up to \$30 per day (\$30 on your EBT card = \$60).
- [Availability Chart](#)

Alisal Farmers Market

- **Location:** 632 E Alisal St, Salinas, CA 93905
- **Summer Times:** Tuesday 11 am - 4 pm (June - October)
- **Winter Times:** Tuesday 11 am - 2 pm (October 28, 2025 - May 26, 2026)
- Produce Box Distribution: Tuesday 1 pm - 2 pm (October 28, 2025 - May 26, 2026)
- The market accepts EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP benefits and conducts a Market Match program for EBT customers to increase their spending power. For every \$1 you spend on your EBT card, Market Match will match \$1 to buy fresh produce up to \$30 per day (\$30 on your EBT card = \$60).
- [Availability Chart](#)

Natividad Farmers Market

- **Location:** 1441 Constitution Blvd, Salinas, CA 93906
- **Time:** Wednesday 10 am - 2:30 pm (Year-round)
- The market accepts EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP benefits and conducts a Market Match program for EBT customers to increase their spending power. For every \$1 you spend on your EBT card, Market Match will match \$1 to buy fresh produce up to \$30 per day (\$30 on your EBT card = \$60).
- [Availability Chart](#)

Seaside Certified Farmers Market

- **Location:** 1259 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Seaside, CA 93955
- **Time:** Thursdays 3 pm - 7 pm (March - November)

- 3 pm - 6 pm (November - March)
 - The market accepts EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP benefits and conducts a Market Match program for EBT customers to increase their spending power. For every \$1 you spend on your EBT card, Market Match will match \$1 to buy fresh produce up to \$30 per day (\$30 on your EBT card = \$60).
 - [Availability Chart](#)
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Monterey Bay Farmer's Markets

Carmel Farmers Market

- **Location:** The Barnyard Shopping Village, 3690 The Barnyard, Carmel, CA 93923
- **Time:** Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm (May - September)

Monterey Farmers Market

- **Location:** 1410 Del Monte Center, Monterey, CA 93940
- **Time:** Friday 8 am - 12 pm (Year-round)
- Offers electronic access to SNAP/CalFresh benefits
- EBT processing from 9 am - 11 am