



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

King County Green Schools Program

Donate Leftover Edible Food

At the end of every school year, school cafeterias often have leftover edible food such as produce, dairy products and baked goods that would spoil over the summer.

In 2007 the King County Green Schools Program coordinated with five school districts, Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline to achieve the collection of over **5,000 pounds** of food. What would have gone to waste instead provided **3,900 meals** to hungry families in Washington at a time when donations to food banks are at their lowest.

Donating leftover food items also reduces disposal costs for school districts.

To participate, follow these three steps:

1. Review the “Food Donation Guidelines” for which types of items the organizations will accept, how you need to handle the food to keep it safe for consumption, and to answer some frequently asked questions.
2. Use the chart below to determine which organization (Food Lifeline or Northwest Harvest) your school district or school should contact first for collection of its leftover edible food.
3. Contact the organization to request a pick up of food.

If the organization listed for your school district cannot accept your food or provide collection, call the other organization. If your district is listed under both organizations, then call either one.

To donate to Food Lifeline:

Contact Dani Turk at 206-545-6600, ext. 231, DaniT@fll.org, or a member of the Food Resources Department. Web site: www.foodlifeline.org.
Warehouse address: 1702 NE 150th Street, Shoreline, WA 98155

To donate to Northwest Harvest:

Contact Barbara Cerna (Transportation Manager) at 206-923-7451; 206-551-7494 (cell); or 877-835-7451; barbc@northwestharvest.org. Or call Tom Breyer, Dispatcher, 206-923-7446; tomb@northwestharvest.org. Web site: www.northwestharvest.org.
Warehouse address: 22220 68th Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032

Food Lifeline

Bellevue
Highline
Lake Washington
Mercer Island
Northshore
Riverview
Shoreline
Skykomish
Snoqualmie Valley
Tukwila

Northwest Harvest

Auburn
Enumclaw
Federal Way
Highline
Issaquah
Kent
Renton
Tahoma
Tukwila
Vashon Island