



How to Host a Food Drive

Holding a food drive is a fun way to help your community!
 The following suggestions can help you plan a successful event.
 Be sure to notify UCM about your drive.

Decide on your goal	Do you want to collect certain items? Or set a goal for the number of cans donated? Decide what goal you will strive toward.
Get others involved	Decide who will coordinate the food drive. Gather participants to help at the collection table, with publicity, and driver(s) to transport food to UCM.
Choose a date and time	When will it take place? For example, 10am-2pm on a Saturday. Check the weather forecast and local event schedule.
Get the word out	Promote your event to your participants and the community. For example, place signs around town, put it on social media, and notify the radio station & newspaper.
Plan to succeed	Visualize everything you will need to have a successful food drive: tables, chairs, signs, pop-up tent, boxes to put food in, etc.
Have fun!	Make the event fun! Decorate with balloons, provide cookies for the participants, etc.

Items you can collect:

canned vegetables	soup	pasta	rice	spaghetti sauce
peanut butter	jelly	canned tuna or chicken	applesauce	cereal
Spaghettios	ramen	canned fruit	macaroni & cheese	
toothpaste	shampoo	laundry detergent	dish detergent	

If you need assistance, please contact us at 586-8228.

Remember the Golden Rule: treat others as you would like to be treated. Make sure all the food you collect is undamaged and in-date.