

Need Food?

When you are already on a tight budget and someone loses a job, or your social security just doesn't cover all your monthly expenses, what's a person supposed to do? Despite our best budgets, sometimes emergencies strike. Many communities have a resource for families in need of food to get through these tough times. It might be called a food bank, a food shelf, or a food pantry. The rules may vary from site to site, but most try to provide food for a few days to help families through an emergency. Some pantries may also be able to help you locate other needed assistance. Richland County area food pantries are listed below.

Muscoda: St. John's School, 116 W. Beech St. Hours: 3rd Monday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Serves: Riverdale School District

Richland Community Food Pantry: Lighthouse Chapel, 345 S. Cairns Avenue, Richland Center. Hours: Wednesdays, open 3p.m. – Food Distribution 4-5:30p.m.

Serves: Richland County residents

Lone Rock Community Food Pantry

222 W Pearl St, Lone Rock, WI 53556

608-583-2614

Second Thursday of the month, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Spring Green: Spring Green Community Church, 151 E. Bossard St. Hours: 3rd Monday, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Serves: River Valley School District

Viola: United Methodist Church, 225 N. Washington Street, Hours: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Call: 627-1910

Serves: Kickapoo area residents. Spanish interpreters available on a call in basis.

Second Harvest Mobile Pantry: Richland Center Fellowship Church, 26700 Fellowship Lane (Directions: from 4-way stop, by State Farm Insurance & Courthouse - drive South on Hwy. 80, just past the Richland Middle School, turn left onto County Hwy RC, travel approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Fellowship Lane). Hours: 3rd Thursday, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

S.O.U.L. Kitchen: A community meal served at the Nazarene Outreach Center, 360 S. Central Ave., Richland Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except Dec.), from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Reservations are NOT required.

FoodShare: FoodShare (FS) boosts your food budget. Do you know....FoodShare is an entitlement, or right, not welfare; you aren't taking away from anyone else when you receive FS; most FS members are employed; your information is kept private and the interview to apply can be done by phone. The FS benefits come on a plastic card that looks just like a credit or debit card. Three ways to apply – applications can be obtained from Richland County Health & Human Services, 221 W. Seminary St., Richland Center – Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., you can call 1-888-794-5556, or online at ACCESS.wi.gov

G:Resource Center/Food Pantry/Food Pantry Locations

- Richland Food Pantry – The weekly Richland Community Food Pantry distributions at the Lighthouse Chapel (345 S. Cairns Ave, Richland Center) will continue as a drive-through. Clients should stay in their cars while an intake person secures their full name, Richland County address, and number of members in the family. All clients should present a piece of mail that contains their name and address. A volunteer will then place the food in the vehicle. The distribution will run from 4:00 until 5:30 Wednesdays through the pandemic. Due to heavy demand, the Richland Community Food Pantry has instituted a “*one visit per month per family*” rule.
- Second Harvest Food Pantry – Open the 3rd Thursday of each month at 26700 Fellowship Lane, Richland Center. No ID or proof of address is required. Everyone in need is welcome. Distribution begins at 3:30 pm and goes until food is gone.