



Liability Protection for Donors

As a food donor, two laws protect you against liability for food donations:

The Food Donor Law:

Passed in 1990 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Food Donor Law protects donors against liability for damages resulting from donated food and grocery products.

The law covers any individual, corporation, partnership, organization, association, or government entity, including but not limited to retail grocers, wholesalers, manufacturers, restaurants, caterers, farmers, hospitals, and non-profit food distributors.

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act:

This federal act was passed in 1996. It protects good-faith food donors from civil and criminal liability should the donated product later cause harm to its recipient. The act protects individuals, organizations, associations, governmental entities, wholesalers, restaurants, caterers, farmers, gleaners, non-profit agencies and more.

Additional protection for glean donors:

The Pennsylvania Food Donor Act also protects people who permit gleaning on their property from civil or criminal liability that arises due to the injury or death of any individual involved in the collection or gleaning of donations.

Furthermore, all glean volunteers sign a liability waiver, which states that they won't hold the Food Bank, farm owner(s) or farm operator(s) liable for any injuries that occur during glean activities.

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Donating Prepared and Perishable Foods

On the one hand...

Restaurants, hotels, schools, hospitals, caterers, cafeterias, businesses, clubs, and other institutions often have excess prepared and perishable foods that they end up throwing away.

On the other...

Food assistance programs, including after-school programs, soup kitchens and shelters, often struggle to find the food they need to feed hungry people.

**...Three Rivers Table
is a common sense solution.**



- ✓ TRT is free to donors and recipient agencies. Over 100 donors have signed on with the program!
- ✓ Donors are protected against liability by federal and state laws.
- ✓ The program is equipped with three temperature-controlled refrigerated trucks.
- ✓ Our three full-time drivers are food safety certified and follow safe food handling practices.
- ✓ TRT operates year-round, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. With advance arrangements, we can also accommodate one-time donations.
- ✓ TRT delivers food directly to charitable agencies serving hungry people. With no warehousing, food stays as safe and fresh as possible.
- ✓ Businesses can sign on to become "regular" stops-- you can donate daily, weekly, or every two weeks.

**To donate, contact Kathy Hruska:
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Donation Guidelines

for TRT Donors

We ask that our TRT donors follow these donation guidelines:

- ✓ Please ensure that all food is cooked, cooled and stored according to Allegheny County Health Department requirements.
- ✓ The Food Bank will provide you with full and half size aluminum pans with lids and labels, free of charge. Please label pans with:
 - ◆ Donor Name
 - ◆ Date Prepared
 - ◆ Contents
- ✓ Food should be frozen (0° F or below). If freezer space is limited, we will accept food refrigerated at or below 41° F.
- ✓ Soup should be frozen in full or half-size aluminum pans.
- ✓ Our drivers have the right to refuse any items they feel do not fit program guidelines.

We Can Accept:

- ❖ Food that has been prepared, BUT NOT SERVED
- ❖ Meat and poultry
- ❖ Fruits and vegetables
- ❖ Unopened containers of milk or juice
- ❖ Items close to code date or recently expired (within 2 days)
- ❖ Small amounts of non-perishables like #10 cans or canned juice
- ❖ Coffee (ground and whole bean)
- ❖ Small quantities of bread, rolls, pastries and desserts

We Can NOT Accept:

- ❖ Items in a buffet or display case
- ❖ Open containers
- ❖ Jars of baby food not from the manufacturer
- ❖ Outdated or close dated baby formula

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