

# Little Free Pantry

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### What is the Little Free Pantry?

The Free Little Pantry is a perfect way to give back to our community and provides food and hygiene products that may not be readily available to those in need. One of the greatest attributes of the program is anyone can donate and anyone can take items they may need too!

### How does the Little Free Pantry differ from other food pantries?

- Anyone may access the Free Little Pantry 7 days a week/24 hours a day
- NO qualification process
- Food pantries operate as service providers
- The pantry is small, and cannot stock the quantity to meet pervasive needs.
- Pantries are critical in addressing food insecurity and this serves as a safety net.
- Anyone can donate items, and anyone can take items.
- The pantries although small in size, have made a huge impact in our community.



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## How do I stock the Little Free Pantry?

Sponsors agree to stock and evaluate the pantry at least twice per week. Others who wish to contribute may do so at their discretion and whenever convenient. Demand outpaces supply, so the Little Free Pantry is often empty. However empty shelves are problematic only if no one is contributing. At that point, you might want to organize a group of friends, neighbors, co-workers, or Church groups who could be assigned a day to contribute items. Changing up the days and times that the pantry is stocked can help manage consumption and hopefully deter loitering.

## What do I stock?

Encourage your contributors to stock according to the need in your community. Canned vegetables, proteins, non-perishable grocery items, feminine hygiene products, baby items, and paper goods go fast. Kid-friendly non-perishable, such as crayons, pencils, and school supplies, are much appreciated.

## How to effectively monitor the Little Free Pantry

The pantry must be consistently monitored for expired, unacceptable, damaged, bulging and leaking items, especially during extreme temperatures. These items would need to be disposed of immediately. Routine site visits (twice a week) will allow you to maintain a safe, neat, and readily stocked Little Free Pantry.