



Bruin Community Pantry Foodbank - located in Roberts 109 FAQ's

The BCP foodbank is certified by Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP) which is an affiliate of the Oregon Food Bank (OFB). YCAP is our foodbank in Yamhill County.

We purchase food from YCAP for a minimal fee based on what they receive from the OFB. OFB obtains food from donations and government subsidy.

Each week I receive an order sheet from which items are purchased for our foodbank. Some items are plentiful and are always on the list, this is NOT always the case.

Grocery Outlet in Newberg provides a substantial gift in kind to us each fall. Once we have used up that amount, we purchase food from Grocery Outlet. We are very grateful to have this wonderful ongoing partnership.

We are trying our best to purchase food for those with special diets such as Gluten and Dairy Free, as well as Vegan too. We have had one donor provide funds for this type of food and we will be purchasing more in the new year.

Funding for the BCP come from a variety of donors as well as ASC. Parents, community members, employees, students and even alumni provide financial support. What we are able to purchase depends on funding.

Our goal is to provide pantry staples, and include as many fresh produce as possible. However, we fully acknowledge that we are not a grocery store.

Here is a list of some of our biggest community donors:

- MANY GFU employees
- ASC – GFU student government
- Grocery Outlet
- Bon Appetit
- Friendsview Retirement Community
- Wayside Friends Church
- Northwest Christian Church
- United Way of Mid-Willamette Valley
- Panera Bread
- Family Life Church
- A-Dec
- Cliff Creek Cellars in Newberg
- Newberg Church of the Nazarene

Here are some answers to comments from the survey:

1. I'm interested in seeing milk and cheese if possible.

- Over the summer I purchase milk that had to be thrown away. We have shelf-stable milk and will continue to have it and Oat Milk as long as those two items are available.

2. I struggle with finding a parking spot for a short amount of time. I am worried that I will get a ticket. I heard there was one parking space for pantry visitors.

- There is NOT a parking spot designated for visitors. That one spot is for BCP workers and unloading the food when it arrives. You will need to follow the rules for [parking on the GFU campus](#) in order to keep from receiving a citation. Remember, you are allowed to park almost anywhere on campus after 5 pm and before 7 am. If you DO receive a parking ticket, and are only in the foodbank for less than 15 minutes, you can appeal it as long as you have evidence that you were in the foodbank for less than 15 minutes. You can provide this evidence by having the volunteer give you a note with the date and time, that you would then provide in the parking appeals process.

3. A lot of the foods are very expired unfortunately.

- Reading best by dates as expiration dates probably contributes to food waste. Food labeled with "BEST BEFORE" dates have to do with food quality, not safety. Check out this website for more information: <https://lovefoodhatewaste.ca/keep-it-fresh/shelf-life/>

4. Why aren't you open all day?

- The foodbank is open based on the availability of volunteers. We work to have set hours for each semester.

5. Who can use the foodbank?

- The BCP foodbank is open to everyone involved with George Fox University...alumni included! Once a Bruin always a Bruin! In fact, our foodbank is open to everyone in the Newberg community. We are not required to advertise this fact, but we will not turn anyone away.

6. How do I use the foodbank?

- We suggest making sure you know the schedule that is posted on the BCP website: <https://www.georgefox.edu/offices/student-life/bruin-community-pantry.html>

You can also follow us on Instagram: *bruincommunitypantry*

Clients" must sign in each time they visit the foodbank. The volunteer can help you with this process. The first time you use the foodbank there is a larger form to complete. The sign-in process is required by YCAP. After your first visit, you only need to fill out the short form.

Be sure to include ALL the information requested and PLEASE write legibly.

7. Are there any restrictions as to how much food we can take?

- Not really. Of course, be mindful of others, but please take what you need. No one is going to monitor how much food you take. However, if there are items that might expire over the weekend, feel free to take as many as you want.

Read more about food insecurity at hope4college.com