

Feed the Community!

It's simple, at the end of the farmers market, ask participating vendors if they have any donations, collect them, and then take them to:

Ruth Project Food Pantry

Address: 415 College Ave.

Pantry Contact:

Marlys Williams - Coordinator
641-648-6617

Donation Drop off:

- Set donations inside the porch door on the east side of the house, which has an accessible wooden ramp.
- There is no refrigeration, so only foods that don't require refrigeration are accepted.
- Donations are accepted on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Acceptable Items:

Any foods that do not require refrigeration.



Liability Protection

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act protects donors of food from liability when donated to a non-profit organization that ultimately distributes to needy individuals. Should the food make someone ill, the donor is protected from civil and criminal liability as long as they donated the food "in good faith", meaning they fully believed the food was safe to consume. Methods to maintain food safety such as refrigeration, need to be followed throughout the duration of the donation process. Liability protection is extended to donations made by restaurants, retail grocers, manufacturers, caterers, food trucks, food banks, farmers, gleaners, schools, and food service companies such as corporations, partnerships, organizations, and associations.

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Volunteers Needed!



Make a **BIG IMPACT** in Iowa Falls with just a tiny fraction of your time at the end of the farmers market!

The Iowa Falls Farmers Market offers handmade, home baked, and wholesome grown food that help support local farmers, food artisans and the economy. You can help support your community by volunteering just a bit of your time to:

- Donate leftover edible foods at the conclusion of the farmers market.
- Collect leftover edible foods from vendors at the conclusion of the farmers market and transport them to a local food bank, pantry, community meal site, or soup kitchen.

Are you a vendor?

Please consider donating leftover edible foods at the conclusion of the farmers market.

Do you have a few free minutes at the conclusion of your local farmers market?

We are looking for volunteers to collect leftover edible foods from vendors at the end of the farmers market and transport it to a local food pantry that feeds Iowa Falls' food insecure.

Iowa Falls Farmers Market at Estes Park

Wednesdays 5:00pm-7:00pm
Saturdays 8:30am-11:30am

Located at the intersection of
Rocksylvania Ave. & Stevens St.

May
THROUGH
October

Develop your volunteer base

step 1

Contact Local Food Banks, Pantries and Soup Kitchens

Find out what kind of foods they accept and when they accept them.

step 2

Partner with your Local Farmers Market

Contact your local farmers market manager to ask them to share volunteer and donation information with vendors to get the ball rolling.

step 3

Get People to Sign-up

Set up a booth at the farmers market soliciting volunteers to donate, collect, and transport food at the conclusion of the farmers market to a predetermined food bank or pantry.

Download the volunteer sign up sheet



iwrc.uni.edu/food-waste/farmers-market

step 4

Host a Kick-Off Meeting

Everyone can meet each other including vendors, recipient organizations, and collection and transport volunteers. Use the meeting as a time to invoke community pride but also train your volunteers about how to get the job done.

step 5

Make It Easy

Send reminders to volunteers when it is their turn to collect and transport donations.

step 6

Reward Volunteers

At the end of the season, thank everyone by hosting a dinner or banquet and consider giving awards to volunteers and donors.

