

# Does a donation route beat the dumpster for your kitchen?

Eight boxes tell you. NEEDS handles pickup, same-day delivery, and your donation receipt — at no cost to you.

*Unsold food usually costs a business twice: hauling fees, plus deduction value nobody documented.*

## 01 · THE FOOD

- ☐ We regularly end up with safe, unserved or unsold food — prepared, bakery, deli, produce, refrigerated, or short-dated.
- ☐ It's still good when we let it go — the problem is the clock, not the quality.

## 03 · THE HANDLING

- ☐ We can hold food at a safe temperature until a scheduled pickup.
- ☐ It's packaged, or could be trayed and sealed without real effort.

## 02 · THE TIMING

- ☐ Our surplus shows up on a pattern we could predict — closing time, end of an event, short-code dates.
- ☐ Someone on our team could hand food off during a defined window.

## 04 · THE PAPER TRAIL

- ☐ We'd want a donation receipt and a transfer record for every pickup.
- ☐ Our tax advisor should see the enhanced-deduction rules for donated food inventory (IRC § 170(e)(3) — in the code since 1976).

**Checked five or more?** One donation lane very likely fits — a 15-minute review will confirm it. Fewer? The review is still free, and either answer is useful to you.

### WE PICK UP

Scheduled windows at your door or dock. Title and handling responsibility transfer to NEEDS at pickup.

### SAME DAY, NEVER RESOLD

Food moves through approved community partners the same day — pantries, shelters, schools, group homes.

### RECORDS BACK TO YOU

Transfer documentation for operations, finance, and your CPA — every pickup.

Good-faith donations through nonprofit channels are protected by the federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (42 U.S.C. § 1791) and Oklahoma law (76 O.S. § 5.6), with exceptions for gross negligence or intentional misconduct. This page is not legal or tax advice; NEEDS provides the route and the records — your advisors make the calls. NEEDS Foundation is an Oklahoma-based 501(c)(3), EIN 80-0743170, operating since 2014.

## The 15-minute surplus review

Bring your food categories, timing, and handling rules. We'll tell you quickly whether one lane works — and "no" costs you nothing.

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*Food that comes back from an event can be on a family's table the same day we pick it up.*