Manawatū Food Rescue Guide



Manawatū Food Action Network

What is Manawatū Food Action Network?

Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) is a collective of social service and environmental organisations (and other community stakeholders) working together to increase collaboration, education and awareness to benefit our local community around issues of food security, food resilience and food localisation.

Why bother rescuing food?

Globally, more than one third of all food produced goes to waste. If this isn't bad enough in its own right, rotting food amounts to over 6% of total global greenhouse gas emissions. All this is happening while many people in our community are hungry and suffering from food insecurity. Apart from reducing the food surplus, the very best thing we can do is ensure that all food that can be consumed by humans, is consumed by humans.



What food can I donate?

Sometimes there is a difference between what is marketable and what is consumable. It doesn't have to be pretty, but it just needs to be a in a state that is fit for human consumption. Food that is past its "best before" date is often fine so long as it looks ok and smells ok. Food past its "use by" date is not ok.

Do not donate:

- Food past its "use-by" date.
- Food that has clear signs of spoilage e.g., mould, slime, discoloration or rusty or bulging cans.
- Packaged food that has had its original label removed.
- Food that has been thawed and then refrozen.
- General rubbish e.g. cut scraps or floor sweepings.
- Food that is subject to a current recall notice.

For guidelines on what you can donate visit www.manawatufoodrescue.org.nz or the Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance (AFRA) provides comprehensive information at www.afra.org.nz/resources/afra-food-safety-guide/



What are my responsibilities under the Food Safety Act?

The Food Safety Act contains what is known as the “Good Samaritan Clause” - s 352, Food Act 2014. Also known as Immunity of Food Donors, this clause applies to businesses who donate food they would normally sell. Provided food is safe and suitable when it is donated and comes with any information needed to keep it safe and suitable, a donor is protected from liability under the Food Act 2014.

1. Food is unsafe if it is likely to cause the person eating it harm.
2. Food is unsuitable if it is contaminated, deteriorated, in a condition that affects its intended use or people can’t tell what is in it.





Who can I donate to?

Across the Manawatū there are a number of agencies who will accept donated food and ensure it gets to people who need it. Some agencies will even come and pick it up from you. We suggest you contact one of the following organisations:

- Just Zilch, ops@justzilch.org.nz, Palmerston North, 022 597 2569
- The Salvation Army, palmerstonnorth.corps@salvationarmy.org.nz, 06 358 7455
- Te Pātaka Kai 4412, kylie@rangitaane.iwi.nz, 06 353 1888
- Te Rourou Manaaki, Feilding, rouroumanaaki@kauwhata.co.nz, 0800 323 646

These agencies also support the following groups: Te Awahou Kai (Foxton), Shannon Kai Hub, Te Waka Huia, Methodist Social Services, Just Life, Legacy Centre, RECAP, Te Whare Koha, Te Aroha Noa, Papaioea Pasifika Community, Manchester House.

For more information:
www.foodrescuemanawatu.org.nz
or email food.rescue@enm.org.nz

mfan
Manawatū Food Action Network

MFAN is a collective of enm Environment Network Manawatū