

FOOD SUPPORT

ON CAMPUS

The Open Seat

<https://www.asm.wisc.edu/theopenseat/>

The Open Seat is a student-funded, student-run, and student-serving food pantry by the Associated Students of Madison. All students with a Wiscard are eligible. Students can come to The Open Seat during any of our open hours or by appointment. On the first visit, students will be asked to provide their Wiscard, complete two forms, and sign-in. Students may select items that add up to their allotted points per visit. Students are allowed to use the pantry once per week. A variety of non-perishable food items including canned vegetables and fruit, beans, pasta, cereal, oats, snacks, and more. The Open Seat also offers personal care and hygiene products, menstrual products, bread, and select fresh produce.

Hours & Location: Tuesdays 5–8 p.m.; Thursdays 5:30–7:30pm; Sundays 2:30–5:00pm.

Located on the 4th floor of the **Student Activity Center (SAC)**, 333 East Campus Mall (room 4209).

Email: thepantry@asm.wisc.edu

UW Campus Food Shed

<https://www.campusfoodshedmadison.com>

A refrigerator with free produce that's open to all UW–Madison students, staff, and faculty, for free. Take what you want: We ask that you are courteous to others and only take what you will eat.

Hours & Location: The main location is in the **Student Activity Center (SAC)**, 333 East Campus Mall (3rd floor by vending machines). Follow the CFS Facebook page for updates on future fridge locations!

Email: campusfoodshed@gmail.com

Campus Kitchen Projects

<https://www.facebook.com/CKUWM/>

A meal prepared by volunteers using surplus food from University Dining. Enter the room and grab a plate! Food is served buffet style. There is no sign-in required and you may come and go as you please. We have to-go boxes to take extra food home!

Hours & Location: Most Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm in the basement of **The Crossing** (1127 University Avenue).

Email: ckpmadison@gmail.com

Food Recovery Network-Free Student Lunches

<https://www.facebook.com/events/222160571661557/>

Surplus food from University Dining recovered by the Food Recovery Network and served by The Crossing and volunteers to fight waste and feed people. You will serve yourself buffet style. Come early before the food runs out!

Hours & Location: Tuesdays during the academic year from 12:30-1:00pm (not held during Spring Break) at **The Crossing** (1127 University Avenue).

Email: crossingfreelunch@gmail.com

Slow Food UW

<https://www.facebook.com/slowfooduw/>

Slow Food offers a three-course, delicious, locally sourced meal for \$5. The menu and the link to purchase a meal is available on the Slow Food UW Facebook page. Click the Family Dinner Night event and follow the instructions for your intent to attend.

Hours & Location: Every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm in the basement of **The Crossing** (1127 University Avenue).

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Free Frozen Meals

<https://www.facebook.com/frozenmealsuw/>

Leftover food from the dining halls is repackaged into frozen, microwaveable meals for students to take at no cost. Microwaves are available for use. Frozen meals are available to any student facing food insecurity.

Hours & Location: Mondays–Thursdays 9:00am-8:00pm; Fridays 9:00am-4:00pm at **The Crossing** Campus Ministry (1127 University Avenue).

FH King-Harvest Handouts

<https://www.fhking.org/handouts>

Harvest Handouts offers free, fresh produce to students. A line forms based on a first come, first serve basis and produce is offered until it runs out. Simply show up (we recommend you bring a bag with you).

Hours & Location: Fridays, May to October, 2:00pm at **Library Mall**.

Email: fhking.students@gmail.com

Lutheran Campus Center Lunch

<http://www.lcmmadison.org/>

Enjoy a free, nondenominational lunch. Enter the Lutheran Campus Center and follow the line to the kitchen area. It's recommended that you arrive at 11:45am. The food is served buffet style.

Hours & Location: Lunch is served Monday through Friday starting at noon during the semester at the **Lutheran Campus Center** (325 N. Mills Street) next to the Chemistry Building.

Email: director@lcmmadison.org

The Keep Food Pantry

<https://www.housing.wisc.edu/2020/04/keep-food-pantry-open-at-luther-memorial-church/>

The Keep Food Pantry offers nutritious food choices which include fresh produce, dairy products, frozen prepared meals and also bakery items. It serves students, faculty and staff of the UW Madison, Edgewood College and Madison College. An academic ID is required.

Hours & Location: The Food Pantry is located at **Lutheran Memorial Church** (1021 University Avenue).

Please use courtyard entrance on University Ave. Currently open Thursdays 4:00pm-7:00pm. (Coming soon: Sundays 1:00-3:00pm)

Dean of Students Office

Badger FARE (Food Assistance Resource for Emergencies)

<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/student-assistance/badger-fare-program/>

\$25 food card; can request 2 per semester

Short-term loans for emergency (e.g., rent issues): \$500 to be paid back in 3-4 months though there can be extensions of this time

Financial Aid Office-Basic Needs Support

<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/success/basic-needs-resources/>

Basic Needs Support offers dedicated resources to assist students in gaining access to food, housing, and insurance to promote overall wellness while attending UW-Madison. We have Basic Needs Assistants ready to support in getting students connected to resources including programs such as Foodshare and Badgercare, as well as getting connected to different food pantry's or other resources.

Take Advantage: Students can sign-up for an appointment with one of our Basic Needs Assistants via Starfish in MyUW or by contacting us directly at basic.needs@finaid.wisc.edu.

Contact: Jazmine Sales; jlsales@wisc.edu; 608-262-3060

OFF CAMPUS

Sorted by shortest distances as determined from Google Maps riding in a car from the intersection of Park St. and University Ave.

Grace Food Pantry-Grace Episcopal Church

<http://www.gracechurchmadison.org/grace-food-pantry>

Located near the Capitol at [116 W Washington Ave., Madison](#) food will be given outside the building. Distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am-12:00pm. Bring a form of ID for all members in the family. (1.0 miles; 5 minutes)

Catholic Multicultural Center (on bus route)

<https://cmcmadison.org/programs-services/basic-needs/food-pantry/>

Located at [1862 Beld St., Madison](#), daily free meals are distributed to-go from the CMC parking lot weekdays 4:00-5:00pm and weekends 11:00am-12:00pm. Food pantry hours are Tuesday 2:00-3:30pm and Thursday 10:30am-12:00pm, sign-up is in the parking lot. Food pantry delivery and employment search assistance are also available on their website. (2.0 miles; 6 minutes)

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (on bus route)

<https://svdpmadison.org/need-help/food-pantry/>

Effective May 15th, curbside pick-up for packaged boxes of food is available at [2033 Fish Hatchery Rd., Madison](#) on Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10:30am-2:30pm and Thursday 2:30-6:30pm. (2.2 miles; 6 minutes)

Luke House (on bus route)

<https://www.lukehousemadison.org/>

Located at [310 S Ingersoll St., Madison](#) bagged meals are being served Sunday 5:45-6:30pm, and Monday through Thursday 11:30am-12:30pm and 5:45-6:30 pm. (2.4 miles; 7 minutes)

Fritz Food Pantry-Goodman Community Center (on bus route)

<https://www.goodmancenter.org/services/fritz-food-pantry>

No longer serving meals, but the food pantry is distributing prepackaged bags at [149 Waubesa St., Madison](#) in the parking lot on Tuesday 9:30am-12:00pm, Wednesday 6:00-8:00pm, and Thursday 12:30-3:00pm. (4.2 miles; 12 minutes)

River Food Pantry

<https://www.riverfoodpantry.org/blog/press-releases/the-river-food-pantry-establishes-covid-19-emergency-food-fund/>

Curbside pick-up of prepared groceries is available at [2201 Darwin Rd., Madison](#) on Tuesday through Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm and Friday 10:00am-6:00pm. (5.3 miles; 12 minutes)

The YMCA/ Second Harvest

<https://www.ymcadane.org/5-free-food-sites>

Starting May 21st, East Madison YMCA located at [711 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison](#) is partnering with Second Harvest for a drive-thru mobile pantry Thursday 3:00-5:00pm. Check their website for further updates. (5.7 miles; 16 minutes)

Lussier Community Education Center

<https://lcecmadison.org/eat/>

LCE asks individuals to stay in their vehicles or outside and they will deliver bags of food to you. There are no limits on pantry visits during this time. Located at [55 S Gammon Rd., Madison](#) distribution is available Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm and Saturday 12:00-1:00 pm. (6.1 miles; 13 minutes)

OTHER

SNAP

<https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to eligible, low-income individuals and families. The food and nutrition service works with state agencies, nutrition educators, and neighborhood and faith-based organizations to ensure that those eligible for nutrition assistance can access benefits. Your QUEST card with funds allocated by the Electronic Benefits Transfer system will be accepted at the register.

Hours & Location: Select markets and dining halls on campus including Badger Market.

To learn more about SNAP, visit <https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>, Wisconsin's online tool to apply for benefits. UW students can also contact The Open Seat for assistance with signing up for SNAP. Purchasable items are easy to locate in each facility.

Email: meganvw@shfbmadison.org

Dial 2-1-1: 2-1-1 is a local, emergency food program administered by the United Way and connects people to resources.

<https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/get-help/2-1-1-2/>