



Thanksgiving Donations

Each year DC Central Kitchen delivers 5,000 special meals to clients in shelters, transitional homes, and rehabilitation clinics in the DC area. We assist in providing each of our partner agencies with a full turkey dinner, complete with traditional sides and accompaniments.

Turkey Donations

Turkeys – the centerpiece of a great Thanksgiving meal – are the **most needed items**. We need at least **400 whole turkeys** to complete the 5,000 meals we make. It is a great help to our operations if you are able to donate turkeys in **mid-October**, though we will accept donations through the end of November.

- **Turkey Drives:** Consider organizing a turkey drive within your organization, office, religious organization, or with your friends and family. See "Drop-off Guidelines" below for delivery information.
- **Individual Donations:** Each and every turkey is a huge help. If you are interested in donating a turkey, you can drop it off according to the time schedule listed below.

Thanksgiving food items:

- Canned green beans
- Canned apple sauce
- Cranberry sauce
- Bulk spices
- Stuffing mix

Pies

Home-baked pies are a classic parts of Thanksgiving meals. Please follow these guidelines:

- Stick to traditional flavors and filling such as **pumpkin** and **apple**.
- Bake pies in disposable **aluminum pie tins**.
- Try to prepare the pies the week of or weekend before Thanksgiving to maintain freshness.
- Pies must be packaged in **pie boxes** for storage and transportation reasons.

Other Donations

We also welcome seasonally appropriate donations for First Helping, our street outreach program.

- **Toiletry Kits** (see the First Helping Donations Guidelines)
- **Coats, hats and gloves**

Contact

It is crucial to the success of our Thanksgiving meal delivery that we keep records of all pledged donations. If you plan to collect donations for us, please contact Amy Bachman, Procurement Coordinator, with details at 202-400-2806 or abachman@dccentralkitchen.org.

Drop-off Guidelines

Please drop off all donations at DC Central Kitchen at **425 2nd St. NW Washington, DC 20001** 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday–Friday and 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Amy Bachman at 202-400-2806 or abachman@dccentralkitchen.org at least three days in advance to schedule a pick-up.