



First Parish Newbury Food Pantry

THE FACTS

- ◆ Serves 250 to 300 guests every Friday, providing fresh produce, meats, shelf-stable items, dairy, personal care items, household products and pet food.
- ◆ Nearly 50% of our guests reside in Newburyport and another 25% reside in Newbury. We also serve Salisbury (9%), Rowley (8%) and Ipswich and West Newbury (2% each). Seven percent of our guests come from out of the area.
- ◆ One in ten people in our service area do not have a reliable source of healthy food, according to the Greater Boston Food Bank. Only one in three of those who are in need of food currently use local pantries.
- ◆ Ninety-five cents of every dollar goes to purchase food. The remaining 5¢ goes to the cost of distribution.
- ◆ Buys over 65% of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank and buys another 5% locally. The remainder comes from individual and community donations. Twelve local farms, 14 food businesses, and 17 service organizations and churches donate regularly.
- ◆ Welcomes all who need food, without identification or registration.
- ◆ Nearly three quarters of the households we serve include seniors and seniors comprise nearly half of the guests we serve.
- ◆ Delivers over 60% of orders each week to residents who lack transportation or cannot safely come to the pantry for pickup.
- ◆ 100% volunteer organized and operated. More than 80 members of the community help their neighbors each week, donating a more than 320 hours weekly.