



## SAFE & HEALTHY FOOD PANTRIES SELF-ASSESSMENT

Use this self-assessment to identify current practices and policies that support a safe and healthy food pantry environment. The results of this self-assessment can guide the development of your action plan. Involve key staff members or volunteers that may assist in providing accurate responses to questions.

### Give your pantry a healthy boost

Overarching goal: Provide healthier food choices to pantry guests.

Strategy	In place		
	Yes	To some extent	No
<b>Stock a healthy food pantry</b>			
Adopt, post and communicate a nutrition policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educate your donors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find fresh produce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Encourage healthy choices at the food pantry</b>			
Be flexible with selections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offer incentives to encourage healthier choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide a shopping list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make healthy choices more visible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide options for special diets and food preferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nutrition education for food pantry guests</b>			
Provide nutrition education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prompt healthy choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support guests while shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offer recipes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## Promote food safety in your food pantry

Overarching goal: Provide safe food to pantry guests.

Strategy	In place		
	Yes	To some extent	No
<b>Put safe food on the shelf</b>			
Adopt, post, and communicate a food safety policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train pantry staff and volunteers in safe food handling practices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educate your donors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accept foods that are safe to eat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accept safe produce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Transport, handle and store food properly</b>			
Keep hot foods hot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep cold foods cold	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handle and store food safely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>When in doubt, throw it out</b>			
Discard unsafe food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Support guests in handling food safely</b>			
Educate guests about food safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>