



FOOD PANTRY CHANGES BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH

- **Growing Home will begin distributing food from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) starting 6/4/24 for participants who qualify.**
 - **Participants who don't qualify for TEFAP can still shop for food in the non-TEFAP section of our food pantry.**
 - **A household may meet TEFAP income-based standards in either of the following two ways:**
 1. Participants who report they participate in one of these public assistance programs (PA).
 - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)
 - Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
 - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 - Old Age Pension (OAP)
 - Aid to Needy Disabled (AND)
 - Aid to the Blind (AB)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Medicaid Eligible Foster Children
 2. If the household does not participate in any of the above public assistance programs, the household must have a self-reported combined gross income that does not exceed the maximum income limit for the applicable household size. (AI)

2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines for TEFAP			
Household size	Maximum weekly household income	Maximum monthly household income	Maximum yearly household income
1	\$579.23	\$2,510.00	\$30,120.00
2	\$786.15	\$3,406.67	\$40,880.00
3	\$993.08	\$4,303.33	\$51,640.00
4	\$1,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$62,400.00
5	\$1,406.92	\$6,096.67	\$73,160.00
6	\$1,613.85	\$6,993.33	\$83,920.00
7	\$1,820.77	\$7,890.00	\$94,680.00
8	\$2,027.69	\$8,786.67	\$105,440.00

For each additional family member, add \$206.92 to the weekly maximum, \$ 896.67 to the monthly maximum, and \$ 10,760.00 to the yearly maximum.

- Participants will now need to bring their ID and proof of address, ie. Utility bill, statement, etc. No one will be turned away if they are unable to provide.
- Only one member per household can register to shop for food – If it is necessary for another member of the household to shop, a proxy form that must be signed by the registered participant.
- We will serve a maximum of 40 participants per food pantry shift.
- Participants can still come to the food pantry twice per month.
- Participants are asked to bring their own shopping bags whenever possible.



WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MY VISIT TO THE FOOD PANTRY?

Starting June 4th, buzzers will be handed out via lottery system to avoid participants having to wait in line. You will be asked to draw a number from a container that will correspond to the number of the buzzer you will be issued. The order in which you draw a number will not be indicative of the order in which you are allowed entry to the food pantry.

- Food pantry staff will go outside 30 minutes prior to service (9:30 Tuesday through Friday, and 2:30 Thursday afternoons) to issue buzzers. Due to stocking, deliveries, and preparing for food service, access to the building, including restrooms, will be limited. **Once you are issued a buzzer, you are asked to stay in your vehicle on the north side of the building or in the designated waiting zone in the northeast corner of the parking lot away from the thru traffic in the parking lot to stay within the reception range of the buzzers.**
- At the time the buzzers are issued, staff will ask you to show your ID and proof of address. No one will be turned away if unable to provide these.
- Once service starts (10 am Tuesday through Friday, and 3 pm Thursday afternoons), Growing Home staff will page you in numerical order. You may then enter the building and take a seat in the waiting area.