

# Community Fridge Initiative



*Take What You Need-Leave What You Can*





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A community fridge is a public repository of fresh, donated foods that anyone can take from for free, at any time.

Community fridges are designed to facilitate access to nutritious foods and reduce food waste.

The Newmarket Food Pantry Community Fridge is a neighbours helping neighbours initiative to increase access to nutritious food for all Newmarket residents.

Everyone is welcome to take food from the fridge at any time, in any quantity, as often as they'd like. Whether you're looking for a quick snack or to top up on groceries, the community fridge is here for our community.

Food is donated daily by businesses, organizations, individuals from across the community, and the Newmarket Food Pantry.

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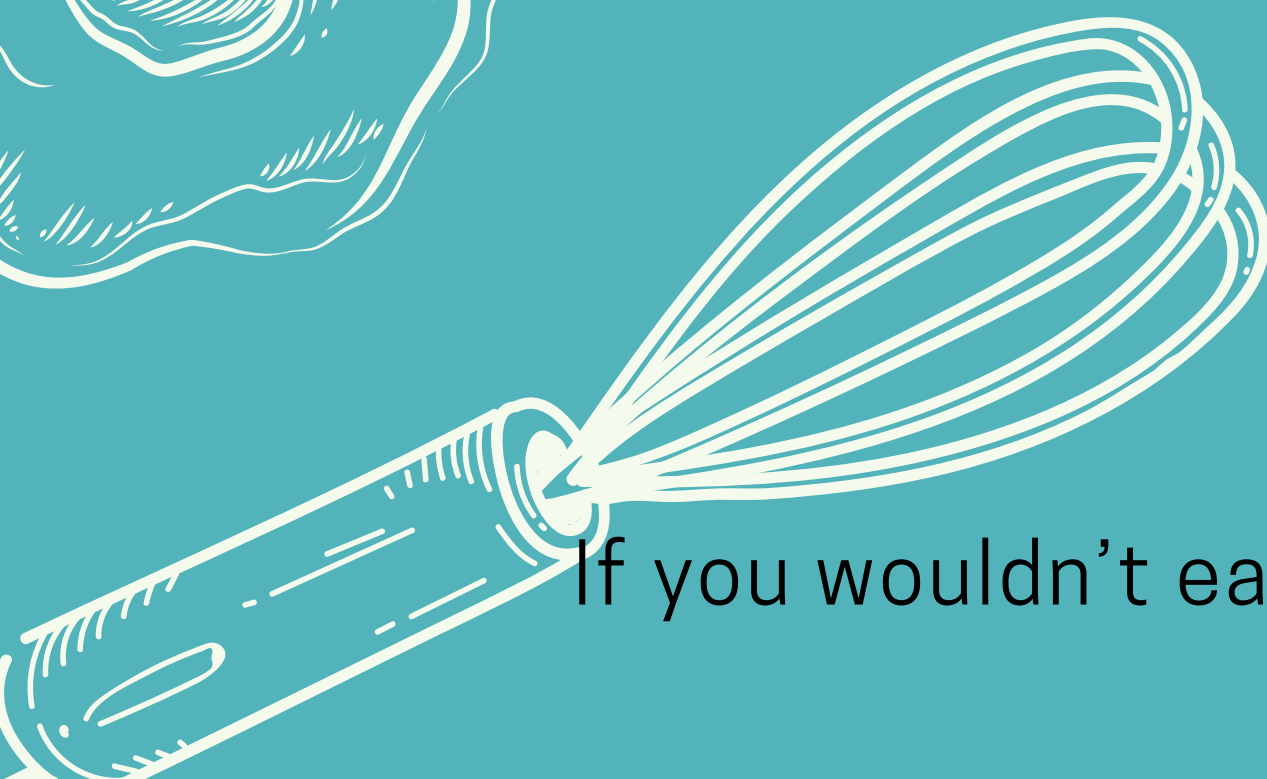
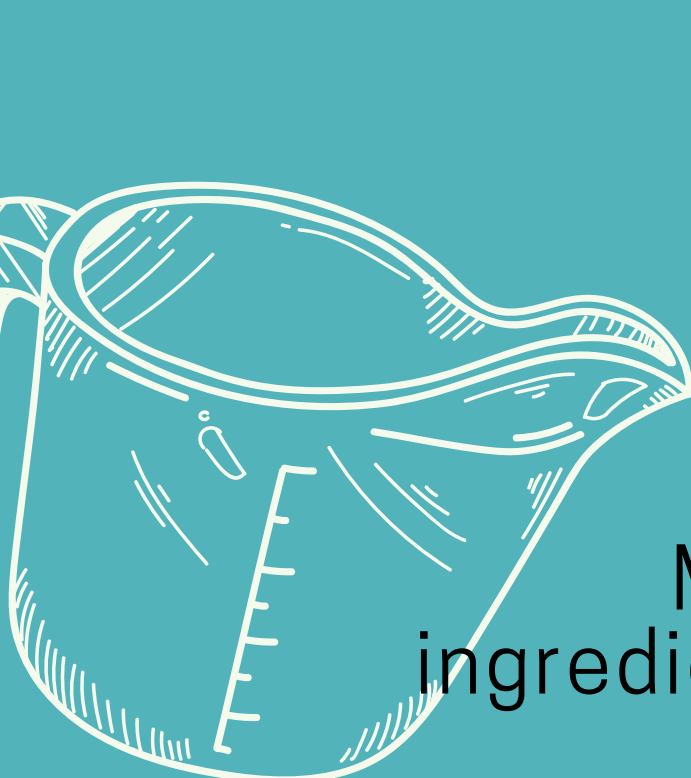
Who can access a community fridge?

Anyone!

Everyone is welcome to take food from the fridge, in any amount,  
and at any time.

The general idea is to take what you need, and leave what you can.  
The fridge is open to the public 24 hours/day, 7  
days a week.

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Food Donation guidelines:  
Acceptable  
Fresh products, Dry goods,  
sealed non-alcoholic beverages  
Prepackaged breads and pastries

Meals prepared in public health inspected kitchens, labeled with  
ingredient list; location prepared, and date prepared and/or best before date

Frozen foods  
New personal care items

All items must be unopened and unused.

Please ensure that all food has a best before date and ingredient list.

Unacceptable  
Raw meat or seafood  
Eggs and dairy products  
Homemade food  
Expired food  
Dented cans  
Moldy produce  
Opened prepacked goods  
Alcohol

If you wouldn't eat it, feed it to your compost – not your neighbours!



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# WHY A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?

Reduces food insecurity  
Offers client dignity, choice and flexibility  
Prevents good food from going to waste  
Neighbours supporting neighbours  
community bonding



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# Discussion Points



Parking  
Construction & Congestion  
Community buy in  
Location (and future locations)  
Feedback from other communities  
Security  
Risk Mitigation

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