

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

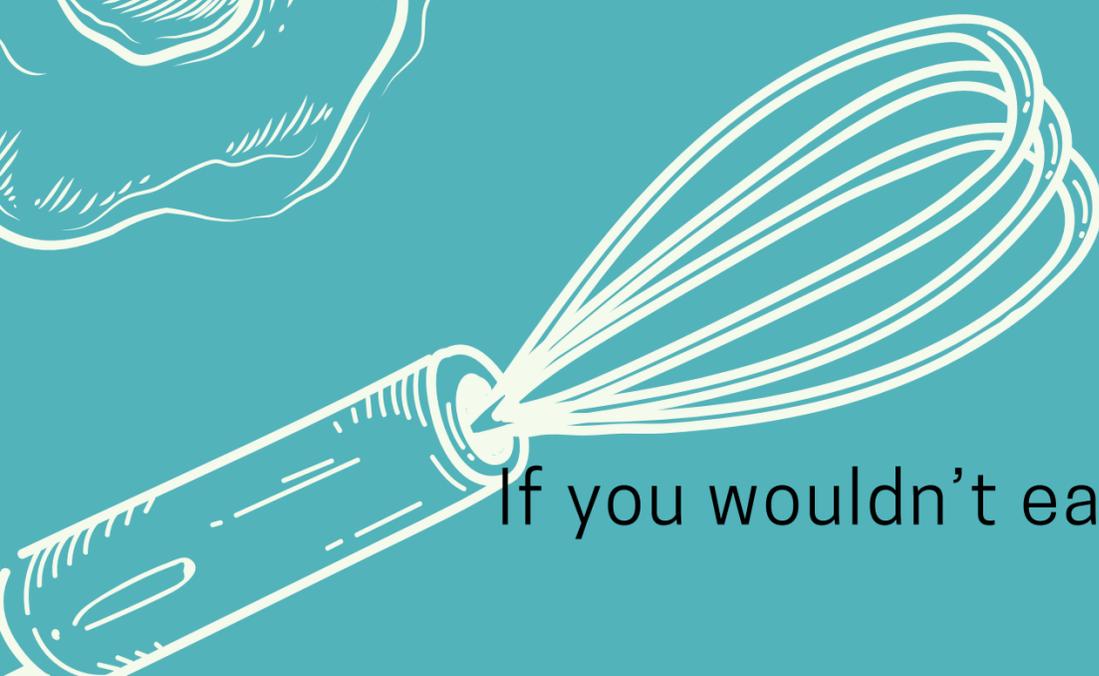
All items must be unopened and unused.

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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