

# ***Mobile Food Pantry***

**Beverage Trailer:** The traditional Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) is a converted beverage trailer delivered to the agency's site of choice. The beverage trailer requires volunteers to unload the product in order to distribute to clients. The trailer would be picked up after distribution. All trash must be disposed of properly and not left in the trailer. A \$100 cleaning charge will be administered to the agency if trash is left in trailer.

**The straight truck** is delivered to the site usually on the day of distribution. The truck is unloaded with the product on pallets and in totes. The food is usually lined up in a row for easy distribution.

**Pallets and totes:** All pallets and totes are to be returned undamaged to the Food Bank. There will be a \$25 damage fee for each pallet and tote not returned in good condition.

**Volunteers:** Many agencies use at least 30 volunteers with some using as many as 75 in order to give volunteers a break. It is better for the volunteer to work only a short period of time with a good experience, than to have them work for hours. They could become exhausted and will not want to volunteer again.

**Sign In Sheets:** One of the requirements of the MFP is for each individual receiving food to read and sign the disclaimer form. This form states that the individual receiving food is in need of food and will not barter, sell or trade the food received from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. We also need the number of people in the household who will be utilizing the food received that day. Both items are required by our donors and for grants that provide funding for MFP. These sign in sheets must be returned to the Food Bank within one week.

Remember that the mobile pantry is a supplement and we cannot give a complete meal or protein on the truck. A supplement is just an additional resource for those in need. It is something that clients probably would not go out and buy, like crackers, cookies, or drinks.

The MFP will vary, depending on what is available at the Food Bank. We cannot guarantee that produce, reclamation, etc. will be available for your Mobile Food Pantry.

**Product:** If available, the first things that will go on a mobile truck will be perishable items (produce, dairy, or bread). We want to get these items out to those in need as soon as possible. If it is the middle of the summer, dairy probably will not be put on the truck.

**Reclamation:** Reclamation are items that may be dented or close to the expiration date. One never knows what might be in a reclamation box. These items would need to be sorted for distribution.

**Surplus Items:** The next items would be surplus items that we have in the warehouse. It could be anything that we have an excess of like crackers, granola bars, juices, or drinks.

Mobile Food Pantry product is accepted in "as is" condition. Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Inc. and the original donor expressly disclaim any implied warrants or merchantability of fitness for consumption or fitness for a particular use.



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