

Destin Harvest's Receiving Agency Criteria

Goal: DESTIN HARVEST's goal is to provide **free** food to community agencies, and to enable the agencies to feed as many Florida's citizens who are in need as possible. DESTIN HARVEST wants to share the available foods equitably.

To be eligible to receive DESTIN HARVEST food, an agency must meet the following criteria:

1. It must have an **ongoing feeding program** throughout the year **or** it must have an established emergency feeding program that has been **in operation at least three months**.
2. The program must **feed the guests for free**. No donations or memberships may be required by the agencies for the people in need to receive the food.
3. The agency must be located **within North-West Florida**.
4. The agency must have other **sources of food or funds for food**-- DESTIN HARVEST cannot be their only food source.
5. The agency **must sign a legal waiver accepting food "as is"** with no guarantees. The agency can choose not to use the DESTIN HARVEST food if any doubt exists about the suitability of the food, but the agency is required to notify DESTIN HARVEST of unsuitable food received.
6. Each confirmed agency will be visited by a DESTIN HARVEST staff person at least once a year to re-certify the program.

No agency is guaranteed food on any particular day. There are **no guarantees** of what kind of food (or how much) will be donated daily; therefore, there are no guarantees on when or how much food your agency will receive.

All food deliveries are determined by objective information supplied by the agency itself:

1. **Geographics** (logistical consideration without donors)

2. Agency available delivery day(s) and time.
3. Agency **requested food types** (prepared, frozen, produce, baked, canned and packaged – as well as salt-free, sugar-free, etc.).
4. Agency's **volume request and ability to store** specific foods. Our food is mixed and matched, so a large volume donation will be broken down to a variety of agencies.
5. Only on-site feeding programs (soup kitchens and shelters) **will receive prepared, refrigerated, or frozen foods.**
6. **The food is delivered inside the door** of the agency, and an agency person is notified by the DESTIN HARVEST driver. Due to strict time schedules, DESTIN HARVEST drivers cannot take food any further. Please do not ask them.
7. Agencies are **required to notify DESTIN HARVEST'S staff of any change** in the agency's operation, and of any problems or concerns the agency may have.