



Hardwick Area Food Pantry Is Open

As an essential service providing emergency food supplies to those in need, the Hardwick Area Food Pantry at 39 W Church St. in Hardwick is remaining open with our normal hours.

Monday, noon to 2 pm

Thursday, 9 to 11 am

Saturday, 9 to 11 am

We have pre-packed boxes of non-perishables and our volunteers will bring them out to the sidewalk for you to pick up, in addition to packing a bag of perishables for you when you come. **All households in the area with an income less than 300% of the poverty level are eligible to come in twice a month – with unlimited visits to pick up produce and USDA items.** For example, the new eligibility level for a household of one is an annual income of \$38,280. To figure out the eligibility income for larger families, add \$13,440 for each additional person in the household. The support from our local farmers, bakeries, and grocery stores has been a huge help in keeping us stocked during this crisis.

Please feel free to contact us at 472-5940 or email director@hardwickareafoodpantry.org

The Hardwick Area Food Pantry began in the 1970s as a church-run emergency food supply. This effort was supported by a group of local churches until 2004 when HAFP became an independent nonprofit 501(c)3 and moved into a new space connected to St. John's Church. HAFP now has an expanded mission that includes quality food, community-building and education. HAFP services are focused on the seven closest towns (Hardwick, Wolcott, Greensboro, Craftsbury, Walden, Albany, Stannard), but all are welcome and we typically serve clients from at least 14 towns each year. Every year during the holiday season the pantry distributed Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes in addition to the regular food shelf service.

The Hardwick Area Food Pantry works collaboratively with the Center for an Agricultural Economy, and WonderArts VT to offer the Grow Your Own program (GYO). Now in its sixth year, GYO offers a framework for Food Pantry clients and community members to share knowledge, with the goals of addressing food insecurity, building community and mentoring new leaders who have not traditionally been in positions of power.

Volunteers are an amazing part of the HAFP story, contributing close to 4000 hours of time every year and helping us to nourish connection in addition to bodies. We could not do what we do without volunteers, food and fund drives, and generous financial donations from the community. All of these charitable acts enabled us to provide food to our neighbors who are struggling.

To learn more about the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, contact LauraLee Sweeney at director@hardwickareafoodpantry.org or 1-802-472-5940.

We are located at 39 West Church Street in Hardwick, right next to the library.

Our mailing address is: PO Box 1075, Hardwick, VT 05843.