



Food Recovery

- Food for Life collects donated fresh, frozen and non-perishable food from food manufacturers, distributors, farmers, wholesalers and retailers.
- Nearly 2.2MM lbs. of good food is recovered each year.
- Reasons for donation include: product is close to its 'best before' date, damaged packaging, not to specification, discontinued, etc.
- The Ontario Donation of Food Act (1994) protects all companies from liability when donating food in good will.



Food Transportation

- Food for Life transports all donated food with a fleet of three temperature controlled trucks.
- Food for Life's largest truck is a 26 foot tandem, which has a carrying capacity of 38,000 lbs. and space for 12 pallets (or 24 stacked).
- Third party transportation is utilized for large volume (+50,000 lbs.) or long distance donations.
- Food for Life drivers monitor and log the truck box temperature at each pick-up and drop-off stop.



Food Storage

- Donated food is stored at Food for Life's warehouse, which is equipped with a walk-in cooler and freezer, and a dry food storage area.
- Upon entering the warehouse, food is weighed by scale and recorded under food category and food donor location.
- Food For Life's warehouse operations comply with the "Food Safety Guidelines for Food Banks" (2011) by the Halton Region Health Dept. and the "Safe Food Handling Program" by Food Banks Canada.
- Product can be re-packaged or stripped of branding upon request.



Food Distribution

- Donated food is distributed to over 100 community food bank programs in Halton, Hamilton and across Ontario.
- Food for Life provides over 6,000 meals a day to people in need.
- Upon delivery, food is weighed and recorded under food category and recipient food bank location.
- In collaboration with the Halton Region Health Dept., Food for Life developed a Food Safety Self-Assessment Survey to measure and monitor their recipient food banks' compliance with food safety standards.

