



An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE AUGUST 2025

Mark your calendars:

Feed My People will be **CLOSED** for *Labor Day* on **Monday, September 1st**. Please note this on your calendars.

If this affects your ordering window or delivery, you will be sent an email from Ashley Anderson the week of August 18th. Please keep an eye on your email, and mark your calendar with any changes to avoid your order being cancelled.

As always, please reach out with questions. We are happy to help!

Thank you, Partners, for your On-Time Statistics!

As a whole, you all have been averaging around the 90% on-time statistics mark over the last 6 months! This is impressive! Please keep up the good work! When you are on-time, we are on-time submitting all of your stats to Second Harvest Heartland.

Congratulations to the **Washburn County Food Pantry** for being the final On-Time Stats \$50.00 Food Credit Winner for August!



Pursuing the Partner and Food Safety Manuals

2025 Partner Manual:

We'd like to focus on the section on **Delivery** (see pages 4-5).

Your Role (highlights):

- Please be patient and flexible as most of our delivery drivers are volunteers.
- Please allow 30 minutes before and after your scheduled delivery time before calling FMP.

FMP Driver Role (highlights):

-Only drivers unload pallets from the truck.

-The drivers are the **only** people allowed to be in the truck and on the liftgate/operating the liftgate (please be patient and wait for our drivers to stage your product for your volunteers to move it - **safety is our number one concern for all!**)

The *2025 Partner Manual* can be found on the FMP website under *Network Partners*. In *Network Partners*, click under [Agency Info](#) on the orange plus button to the right of AGENCY RESOURCES. The directory link is labeled : **2025 Partner Manual**.

2025 Food Safety Manual:

We'd like to focus on the section on [Repacking](#) (see page 7). **This policy was recently updated** FMP defines *repacking* to be any food product that is taken out of its original packaging to create different packaging for the food item. Repacking food is **not recommended** because every time food is handled it increases the risk of contamination and food borne illness.

Repacking is **NOT PERMITTED** for any temperature-controlled foods and TEFAP foods may **NEVER** be repacked.

Dry products may be repacked when absolutely necessary, **BUT** must meet rigorous expectations and follow an extensive list of requirements **BEFORE** repacking can begin. (Contact the Partnership Team at 715-835-9415 ext. 5 if interested in beginning conversations about the process.

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Click here to visit our Network Partners page to find the 2025 Partner Manual, the 2025 Food Safety Manual, and the 2025 Partner Directory

Please return your Banana Boxes



Here at FMP we are getting ready for fall produce packing, and we need your help. If you have **banana boxes** to return, please do so on your upcoming deliveries.

Please also make sure they are completely empty, including onion skins. Banana boxes with residual "stuff" in them make another clean-up step for us here at FMP. We reuse these boxes to pack food in. Thank you for your help with this!

*Please see the picture for directions on how to combine 2 banana boxes together into a cube (the **tops** go on the top and bottom and the **bottoms** go in the middle).

Creative Community

Roger Elliot, with the help of several gardeners, spreads fresh produce all over Chippewa Co. from **The Spirit of St. Joseph's Community Garden** What started as a personal passion of St. Joseph's Hospital



and their "Green Team" in 2012 has grown into almost 30,000 lbs. of food delivered to pantries in Chippewa Falls, Bloomer, Jim Falls, Stanley, and Cornell!

The sole purpose of the garden is to feed those in need. Individuals and families who struggle to put food on the table or whose budgets do not allow for fresh produce, have had the opportunity to grow their own in the *Community Garden*. People who need the food are encouraged to keep their entire yield. Service organizations, civic groups, clubs, families and individuals are also welcome to rent plots if they are willing to donate their entire harvest to local food pantries through the St. Joseph's Community Garden program. What a beautiful and sustainable way to support our neighbors in Chippewa Co.

If you are interested in learning more about the *Community Garden* or perhaps are interested in starting your own community garden, please click below to get the full story and for Roger's contact information.

Get full story
here

Seasonal Food Resource



Eat seasonally and reduce your "FoodPrint"! Check out this ***Seasonal Food Guide*** [link](#) for plentiful ideas on produce available in *Wisconsin* in *late August*. Learn when produce is in season, a few fun facts, and how to store it and use it. This is a great website to share with your pantry guests!

Partner Proud

Fall Creek Community Cupboard - Eau Claire County



Greg and Sandy Edwards have been with the Fall Creek Community Cupboard for all of the 18 years it's been organized! They are the ones that do the shopping for the items they can't get from FMP and are responsible for keeping it looking so **neat** and **orderly**. What a beautiful and welcoming place for your guests to visit. Thank you, Fall Creek Community Cupboard!



Meet Our FMP Team



This month, meet **Angela Miller**. Angela is our new **Partnership Manager**. She will work to build and maintain relationships with organizations and individuals in the communities we serve, while also working to identify areas that could benefit from added food resources. She will also manage our amazing Partnership Team, and provide support and stability to them as they work toward their goals.

Angela looks forward to creating relationships with Partners in the community and learning what drives them. She is also excited to be working with a great team here at FMP!

Outside of FMP: Angela has a bunch of kiddos, older to younger, so that keeps her busy. She likes to learn to make new soups, spend time with friends and family, and do projects around the house. She is also a big crime show fan.

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