

## **Ideas for Hosting A Neighborhood Food Drive**

With the launching of our ministries and City Impact teams, spring is the perfect time to host a Neighborhood Food Drive.

We are inviting our congregation to host food drives in all the cities in which we live, to bless our community, and as an opportunity to meet new neighbors, inviting them to serve with you.

Community Outreach can provide you with additional ideas, along with bags, flyers, and yards signs if you like.

### **Here is a brief overview of how to get started in planning your Neighborhood Food Drive (any of these are all optional):**

1. Invite your friends, neighbors, or other members to help you in planning. Divide up your neighborhood into sections and encourage your kids to participate.
2. Advertise on social media. (1-3 weeks prior to drive)
3. Put flyer with details about the drive on the community bulletin board or mailboxes. (1-2 weeks prior)
4. Put yard signs in the neighborhood. (1 week before drive)
5. Collect food donations. (day of the drive)
6. If you are asking neighbors to drop off food at a specific location or time, consider having a signup sheet when they drop off their food to capture their names and thank them later.
7. Set up a time to deliver your food donations ahead of time with your local co-ops. Make sure to schedule that time in advance to make sure they are there to receive your donations.

Community Outreach has created a [form for you to fill out](#) to register your food drive. We want to track the number of food drives that are hosted in each city and capture the results to share with our congregation when we celebrate the results with our Perimeter family.

When you [register your food drive](#), you can also request bags, customized printed flyers for your food drive, and yard signs if you want them.

A food drive starter kit with additional ideas is also available online at [perimeter.org/fooddrivekit](http://perimeter.org/fooddrivekit).