Run an outreach food drive

Collect portable food and drinks suited to street outreach.

WHO
A workplace, school, team or community group with an organizer.

WHAT
Collect approved sealed, shelf-stable items that are easy to carry and eat.

WHERE
Collect at your site. Arrange your own transport to the confirmed BeTheChangeYYC handoff.

WHEN
Confirm product types, package size, quantity and a delivery slot before buying or promoting.

YOUR EVENT IN FOUR STEPS

1 Confirm
Ask what is needed and how much.

2 Collect
Share the list and campaign poster.

3 Check
Read labels and inspect every package.

4 Deliver
Sort, count and call when you arrive.

WHY IT MATTERS / REPORTED OUTREACH IMPACT

89,257

food and drink items recorded

Jan. 1, 2025–Oct. 18, 2026. All food and drink items; not a count of meals.

Source: BeTheChangeYYC Daily Outreach Report*

*Includes estimates for some shifts.

Check the package before it goes in a box

- FACTORY-SEALED AND UNDAMAGED
- SHELF-STABLE, EASY TO OPEN AND IN DATE
- ON THE CONFIRMED PRIORITY LIST



ARTWORK: PG 4 / DISPLAY: PG 5

Before you collect or buy: confirm your plan with BeTheChangeYYC.

Open the contact form **Check current donation needs**

Sharing? Tag BeTheChangeYYC: Facebook X (Twitter) TikTok Instagram Bluesky YouTube #BeTheChangeYYC

Non-Perishable & Outreach Food Drive

> **Approved items only. No charity pickups. Book the drop-off before you collect.**
> **HQ: 840 7th Ave SW, Suite 1700, Calgary. Outreach hours are not guaranteed receiving hours.**
> **Call 587-224-9114 before delivery and again on arrival.**

Current priorities: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/

Matching poster: Poster 5 - Help Fuel Calgary Street Outreach

Organizer quick setup

Organizer: [GROUP NAME]

Dates / collection site: [DETAILS]

Food priorities approved: [LIST / DATE]

Delivery coordinator: [NAME / PHONE]

Approved delivery date: [DATE]

Step-by-step organizer checklist

- ☐ Contact BeTheChangeYYC to confirm specific accepted products, preferred package sizes, current volume capacity and expiration requirements **before collecting**.
- ☐ Choose dates and a dry, secure collection point; share Poster 5 and the live needs page.
- ☐ Instruct donors to bring only sealed, shelf-stable, unexpired, portable items on the approved list.
- ☐ Check package integrity, expiry/best-before dates and whether items can be safely eaten without cooking or refrigeration.
- ☐ Sort by drinks, nutrition beverages, individually wrapped snacks and other approved listed items; avoid heavy, fragile or bulky mixed crates.
- ☐ Count quantities, pack manageable boxes and protect from temperature extremes.
- ☐ Confirm delivery by phone before leaving and call again on arrival; organize your own transport.
- ☐ Send a thank-you with verified collected-item counts, not presumed meals served.

Copy-paste group announcement email / newsletter

Subject: [GROUP NAME] food drive for Calgary street outreach

Hello everyone,

We're organizing a non-perishable food and drink drive to support BeTheChangeYYC's volunteer street outreach in Calgary.

Collection dates: [DATES]

Drop-off at our group location: [LOCATION]

Approved priority items: [CONFIRMED CURRENT LIST]

Please bring only **unopened, shelf-stable, unexpired, outreach-ready items**. Individually packaged products that are easy to carry and eat are especially practical when requested. Please avoid homemade/perishable foods, opened packages or bulk items not approved in advance.

Our group will arrange an approved charity drop-off. BeTheChangeYYC does not provide pickups, and storage is limited. Check current needs before shopping: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/.

Thank you for helping Calgary outreach teams bring practical nourishment into the community.

[ORGANIZER NAME]

Short Slack / Teams announcement

Food drive for BeTheChangeYYC: [DATES], [LOCATION]. Bring only currently approved **sealed, shelf-stable, unexpired** items; no homemade/perishable food. Current list: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/. Our group handles delivery; no charity pickups.

Social / poster caption

Help fuel Calgary street outreach! [GROUP NAME] is collecting approved non-perishable, outreach-ready foods and drinks [DATES] at [LOCATION]. Check the current needs list before shopping: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/ #Calgary #BeTheChangeYYC #FoodDrive

Collection and quality standards

Accept only when listed/approved: bottled water or juice; Boost/Ensure and similar shelf-stable nutrition beverages; vitamin packets if requested; factory-sealed, individually packaged, easy-open non-perishable snacks with suitable remaining shelf life.

Do not accept: opened, leaking, expired or damaged packages; homemade or refrigerated/frozen food; hot or prepared meals without specific advance arrangements; oversized cases, heavy canned goods requiring can-openers, glass containers or unlisted foods unless explicitly approved. Never promise acceptance based only on this kit; the live needs list governs.

Mandatory logistics and guardrails

Drop-off only. No pickups. Confirm quantities and priority items before collecting.
Suite 1700, 840 7 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3G2.
Tue/Wed/Sun 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. | Sat 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Park in the back. Call 587-224-9114 during these hours to arrange drop-off.

Wrap-up and thank-you copy

Thank you, [GROUP NAME] supporters! We collected [VERIFIED COUNTS BY TYPE] of approved outreach food and drinks and coordinated delivery to BeTheChangeYYC on [DATE]. Your practical support is appreciated.

Measurement: item counts/types, food quality/expiry screening, date/volumes accepted by team, purchase/transport costs; never equate products collected with meals distributed.

Do one final packaging check

Keep products in their original packaging so dates and ingredient labels are visible. Set aside items with unclear dates or damaged packages rather than adding them to the delivery.

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Help fuel Calgary street outreach.

Organize a non-perishable food drive with your school, workplace, team or community group.



OUTREACH-READY FOOD PRIORITIES

Drinks & hydration
Bottled water and individual juice boxes or bottles.

Nutritional support
Boost, Ensure and other shelf-stable nutrition drinks.

Easy-open snacks
Wrapped granola/protein bars, fruit cups and pull-tab proteins.

Additional priority items
Single-serve vitamin/electrolyte packets and current website needs.

FOUR STEPS. ONE PRACTICAL IMPACT.
1 Check the donations page first; storage is limited. 2 Pick your dates.
3 Collect unopened, unexpired, outreach-ready goods. 4 Call before delivery.
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FEED CALGARY FOOD DRIVE

Help end homelessness in Calgary with non-perishable foods.



WHAT TO BRING

Sealed • shelf-stable • in date

- Fruit snacks
- Granola bars
- Shelf-stable pudding
- Pre-packaged non-perishable snacks
- Cookies

SCAN: NEEDS & DONATIONS

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