

Food and Clothing Directory



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The Food and Clothing Directory gives practical information about how to get food, money, clothing and other help from government programs and community services. However, remember that people who are eligible for one kind of benefit often qualify for other as well. There are many barriers blocking people from needed services and benefits, such as false rumors and bad advice...real budget and eligibility restrictions... lack of translation services... fear that if you are an immigrant you might be punished later on for receiving help you need now... not knowing how to access these programs or what the rules are ... being made to feel embarrassed or asking for assistance.

This directory is intended to help people overcome barriers since every person has the right to adequate food. Please, contact the Resource Coordinator at your site if you need further assistance.

Free Food

I. Food Pantries

Food pantries are places that give food to people in need. Most food pantries are small and operated at churches or non-profit organizations. They each make their own rules about who can be served. Many food pantries can only serve people who live in the area to the food pantry. They often require some kind of identification (ID, birth certificate of children, proof of address) and proof that you are low income. Most food pantries can only serve people one time a month, or some similar limitation. To be referred to a food pantry, please call:

- ❖ **Info Line 1(800) 339-6993**
- ❖ **L.A. Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness (213) 439-1070**

The following is a list of pantries located in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valley. Please look for the closest to your home address and call for verification.

City of Burbank:

Burbank Temporary Aid Center

269 East San Jose
Burbank, CA 91502
(818) 846-2330

Open Monday through Friday for food only from 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m. and 1:30p.m. -5:00p.m.

Salvation Army Corps

300 East Angelino
Burbank, CA 91502
(818) 845-7214

Open Monday through Friday for food only 8:30a.m. -12:00a.m.

City of Canoga Park:

El Centro de Amistad

21044 Sherman Way, Suite 101
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(818) 347-8565

Bread and clothing only on Monday through Thursday 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m. No I.D. is required.

Guadalupe Community Center

21600 Hart Street
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(818) 340-2050

For food only Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Registration is from 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Outreach

20025 Chase Street
Canoga Park, CA 91306
(818) 341-3460

Open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for food only from 10:00a.m. -3:30p.m.

City of Chatsworth:

Fish of West Valley

20440 Lassen Street
Chatsworth, CA
(818) 882-3474

Open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for food only from 4:00p.m. -5:00p.m.
By appointment only.

City of Encino:

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

4601 Firmament Avenue
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 981-6832

Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for food only from 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.

City of Glendale:

Armenian Relief-Social Services**108 North Brand Avenue****Glendale, CA 91203****(818) 241-7533**

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. -4:30p.m.

Loaves and Fishes I**Glendale Community Center****4332 San Fernando Road****Glendale, CA 91204****(818) 409-3080**

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. -3:00p.m.

Salvation Army Corps**320 West Windsor Road****Glendale, CA 91204****(818) 246-5586**

Open Monday through Friday for food only from 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m. and 1:30p.m. -4:30p.m.

Closed Wednesday morning.

City of North Hollywood:**North Hollywood Interfaith Pantry****First Interfaith Church****4390 Colfax Avenue****North Hollywood, CA 91604****(818) 760-3575**

For food arrive on Monday and Friday 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Saint Jane Frances Catholic Church**13001 Victory Boulevard****North Hollywood, CA 91606****(818) 341-3460**

Open Monday through Thursday for food only from 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m. Please provide food bags.

City of Pacoima:**M.E.N.D.****13460 Van Nuys Boulevard****Pacoima, CA 91331****(818) 896-0246 / (818) 897-5642**

For food arrive Monday, Tuesday, and Friday before 9:00a.m. For clothing arrive Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday before 9:00a.m. Tickets are handed out between 8a.m. and 9a.m.

City of San Fernando:**Loaves and Fishes III****Catholic Charities****511 Kalisher Street****San Fernando, CA 91340****(818) 365-3194**

By appointment only.

Salvation Army**1027 North Maclay Street**

San Fernando, CA 91340

(818) 361-6462

For food arrive Monday through Friday between 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Santa Clarita Valley

Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry

24133 Railroad Avenue

Newhall, CA 91321

(661) 255-9078

For food arrive Monday through Thursday between 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.

City of Tujunga:

Sunland Tujunga Temp. Aid

7747 Foothill Street

Tujunga, CA

(818) 352-2421

Open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for food only from 9:00a.m. -11:30a.m.

City of Tarzana:

S.O.V.A. Kosher Food Pantry

6027 ½ Reseda Boulevard

Tarzana, CA 91356

Office (818) 342-1320

For food arrive Wednesday between 10:00a.m. -2:00p.m.; Friday between 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.; Sunday from 10:30a.m. -12:00p.m.

City of Van Nuys:

Loaves and Fishes II

Catholic Charities

4640 Cheswick Street

Van Nuys, CA 91411

(818) 997-0943

Food and clothing arrive Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00a.m. -3:30p.m.

Lutheran Social Services

6425 Tyrone Avenue

Van Nuys, CA 91406

(818) 901-9480

Tuesday through Friday 1:00p.m. -3:00p.m.

Salvation Army

14917 Victory Boulevard

Van Nuys, CA 91411

(818) 781-5739

For food only arrive Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Telephone calls accepted only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00p.m. - 3:30p.m.

San Fernando Valley Service Center

7555 Van Nuys Boulevard

Van Nuys, CA 91405

(818) 901-3501

Open Friday for food only from 9:00a.m. –12:00p.m.

City of Woodland Hills:

West Valley Food Pantry

5700 Rudnick Avenue

Woodland Hills, CA 91367

(818) 346-5554

For food only arrive Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

II. Food Stamps

The government program called “Food Stamps” offers coupons you can exchange for food for you and your family. Many people who qualify for food stamps do not get them because they do not think they qualify, are embarrassed, or do not know how to apply. If you need food, you should apply. To get food stamps, you must be or your children a U.S. citizen or a legal resident. You must also meet the limits on your income and resources. For information on the food stamps program and the nearest location to apply, please call:

❖ **1(877) 597-4777**

III. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and young children can receive food vouchers through the WIC program. WIC food vouchers can be used at grocery stores to buy milk, cheese, eggs, juice, cereals, beans, and peanut butter. Women who breastfeed totally receive an extra set of vouchers providing them with additional foods including tuna and fresh carrots. You can also get vouchers for iron-fortified infant formula and cereals for infants. To find if you or your child may receive WIC benefits, or to find the WIC program nearest you, please call:

❖ **1(888) WIC-BABY or 1(800) 942-2229**

IV. Summer Food Program

Children age 18 and under can get free, meals during the summer or any time when school is out for more than 15 days through the Summer Food Program. No application or other kind of paperwork is required for participants. The meals are served at schools, parks, and recreations centers and include the foods as school lunch. The children can simply come and eat a free meal. Some sites serve lunch only, but others serve breakfast as well. Some programs operate year-round and can feed your children when they are “off-track” from year-round school. To find out where your children can eat free when they are not in school, please call:

❖ California Food Policy Advocates 1(800) 218-FOOD or 1(800) 218-3663

Clothing

Centre Clothes Corner
14603 Hamilton Street
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 785-4134

Provides a basic wardrobe of essential clothing to needy children living in the San Fernando Valley, who are attending elementary school. Students will receive two sets of clothing, a pair of shoes, and a jacket. The school or agency must refer the student.

Operation School Bell
1360 North Saint Andrew Place
Hollywood, CA 90028
(323) 469-6017

Provides clothing for children attending middle and high school at the L.A.U.S.D. Students should see the school counselor, nurse, or principal for a referral to this program. Personnel from the school will make the appointment and drive the child to the location. No parents are allowed.

CalWorks

CalWorks is California's welfare program for people who have children under 19 years old. CalWorks provides money for children and the relatives caring for them. Work and training is required of most parents. Adults can only get CalWorks cash aid for five years in a lifetime. In addition to the monthly check, participants in CalWorks get Medi-Cal and most will also get food stamps.

How Do You Apply?

You apply for CalWorks at the nearest Department of Public and Social Services (D.P.S.S.) office. There are three offices that serve the San Fernando Valley. Before you go, please call and be prepared to give your zip code to identify the closest DPSS office.

❖ **East Valley**
14545 Lanark Street
Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 901-3185

West Valley
21415 Plummer Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 718-5356

❖ **Glendale**
4680 San Fernando Road
Glendale, CA 91204
(818) 546-6286

