



Donation Guide

Thank you for supporting VVC students through the THRIVE / Basic Needs Resource Center.

What We Can Accept

A few simple guidelines help us keep every donation safe and useful for the students who rely on THRIVE:

- Meat: accepted only if frozen before its printed expiration date.
- Dry goods (canned foods, pasta, rice, cereal, and similar items): welcome well past the date on the package, as long as it's unopened and undamaged.
- Produce: wrinkled, soft, or slightly bruised is perfectly fine as long as it's still good to cook or eat.
- Dairy: accepted up to about 2 days past the printed date, unless it's already frozen.
- Non-food items (toiletries, diapers, school supplies, and similar items) are always welcome.

Please only bring approved, new, unopened, non-perishable items. If you're ever unsure whether something qualifies, reach out and we're happy to help.

Your Donation Is Protected by Law

Worried about liability? You're covered. Both federal and California law protect individuals, businesses, and organizations that donate food in good faith, even food that's simply past its printed date. The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act and California's own Good Samaritan Food Donation Act shield good-faith donors from liability. Your generosity is protected — thank you for considering us.

Drop-Off Information

Location: Building 51A, Victor Valley College — 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM (closed 12:00–1:00 PM daily for lunch)

Phone: (760) 245-4271, ext. 2935

Email: Basic.Needs@vvc.edu

Please email us to schedule a drop-off time before arriving. Our staff may be assisting students, receiving deliveries, or supporting other program operations and may not be available to accept donations without advance notice. Scheduling ahead helps ensure someone is available to receive and process your donation.

Other Ways to Give

- Shop our Amazon Wish List, with items shipped directly to THRIVE.
- Make a monetary donation through the VVC Foundation (select “Student Food Pantry” as the fund).
- Drop off gift cards (Amazon, Walmart, Stater Bros., Target, or Costco in \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts).

Visit vvc.edu/donate-thrive for links to the Wish List and monetary giving options.