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Champlain Valley



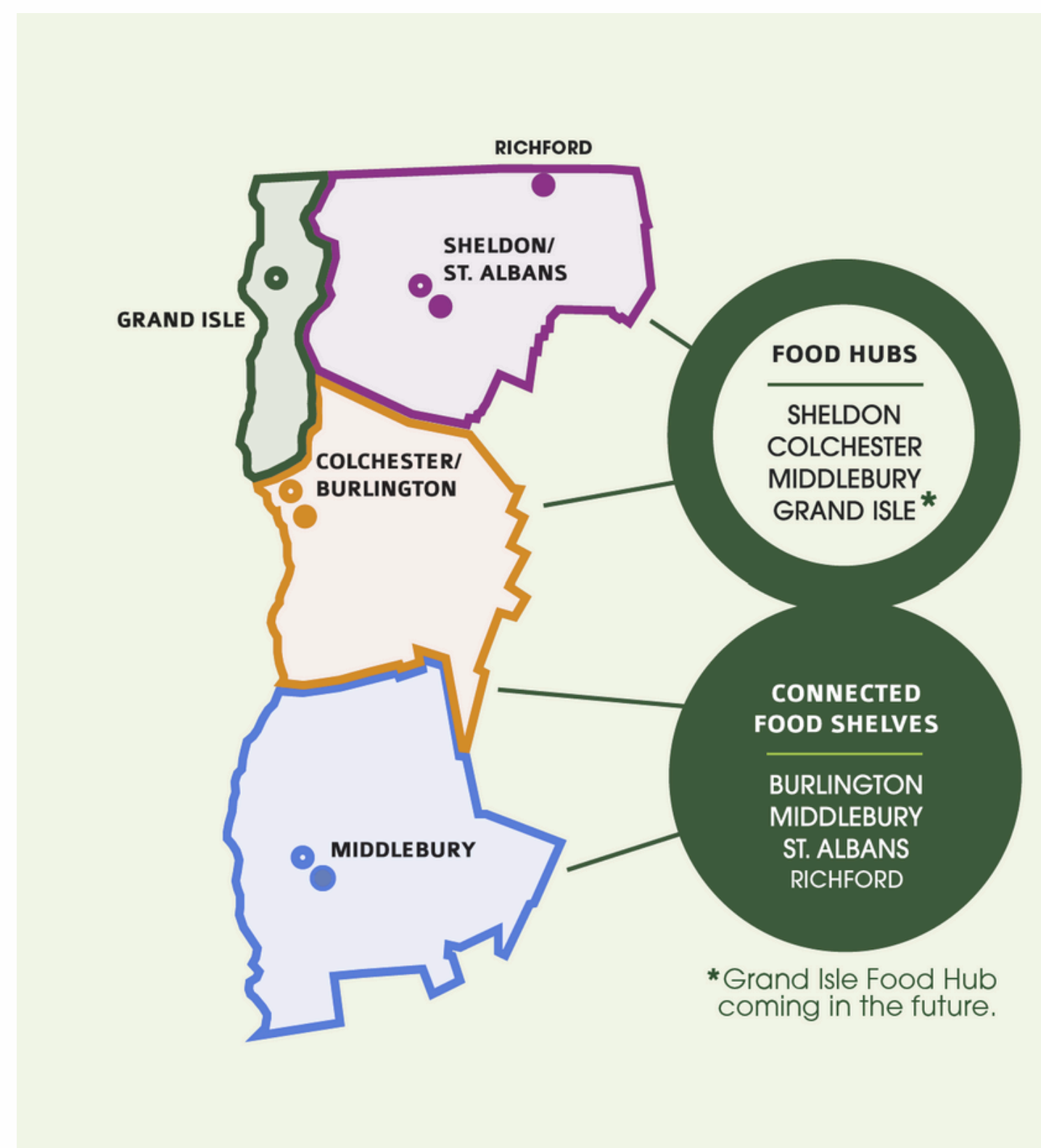
FOOD & FUND DRIVE TOOLKIT

Best Practices and
Recommended Items
for Food & Fund Drives

WHY YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Every day, neighbors in our community are impacted by food insecurity. With community support, we can make a difference!

Food drives are a wonderful way to provide nutritious food to food shelves and food access sites across the region, including our Burlington Food Shelf, Addison Food Hub in Middlebury, NorthWest Family Foods in Saint Albans, and the Richford Food Shelf. By raising awareness about food insecurity, food drives can help build a more resilient and connected community, turning shared challenges into shared solutions.



Two Types of Food Drives

Traditional Food Drive

A traditional food drive allows you to collect non-perishable goods and other products.

You can collect donations at your workplace, church, club, or other shared space and make a direct impact on your community.



Virtual Food Drive

A virtual food drive collects online donations instead of food. The money will then be used to buy food for distribution at our various hubs or used to prepare meals.

[Start a virtual food drive](#)



The Basics

1. Set a start and end date for your drive, notify Anthony Huynh (ahuynh@cvoeo.org), and coordinate a time for a drop-off at one of our food hubs or food shelves.
2. Set out collection bins and spread the word to promote your food drive!
3. After dropping off your donation, please share the total weight and/or monetary value (and any photos!) with Anthony.



Promote your Food Drive

Print one of the flyers included in this packet and post in your workplace, faith-based organization, club, or other shared spaces, and share on social media platforms.

Email friends, family, and colleagues, contact local newspapers, radio and television stations to encourage them to promote your drive.



Ideal Items for your Food Drive!



Canned proteins (Chicken, Beef, etc.)

Peanut Butter

Cereals and Oatmeal

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Rice

Shelf-Stable Juice & Milk

Toiletry Items (Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo,
Body Wash, etc.)

Diapers

Baby Food & Formula

Menstrual Hygiene Products

Cooking Oils & Spices

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MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Canned Meat

beef, tuna, and chicken



Canned & Jarred Products

beans, peanut butter, vegetables, fruits, soup



Cooking Oil & Spices

olive oil, vegetable oil, cooking spices, salt and pepper



Toiletries

menstrual products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, diapers and body wash



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