

Albany County food pantries.

Any individual or family in Albany New York can call a food pantry in their area for free groceries, meals, and assistance. The centers will do their best to help individuals get the help they need. That assistance can range from free food, meals, and holiday assistance up through and including clothing or household products.

Free or low cost emergency food boxes, perishable items like meats, fruits, and rice, and hot meals are all distributed by the Albany New York area food banks. Other aid like new or gently used clothing, holiday meals and gifts at Christmas, furniture, baby formula, and more may also be offered, as funding allows. Each non-profit food bank provides items own services to low income families in the county.

Last, but not least, the food pantries can direct people to financial assistance programs and charities in the region. So residents may be able to find electric bill assistance, LIHEAP applications, rent, and housing too. All of this is in addition to the food distributed.

Albany Damien Center

Address: 12 South Lake Avenue

Albany, New York 12203

Call the administrative number at (518) 449-7119 Ext. 12

Albany United Methodist Society

Food pantry - 340 First Street

Albany, NY 12206

Phone number (518) 432-0818 for service/intake

Center City Parish Social Ministry

315 Sheridan Avenue

Albany, NY 12206

(518) 465-8262

Call the Parish for access and distribution of free meals, food, and emergency aid. Other services may include clothing or Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving meals and gifts.

Focus Churches Of Albany, Focus Interfaith Food Pantry

Main address - 275 State Street

Albany, New York 12210

Call (518) 443-0460

Several churches in Albany County are part of this charity organization, and offer everything from food and meals to shelter.

Food Pantries For The Capital District

32 Essex Street

Albany, NY 12206

Phone number for information - (518) 458-1167

Call for information on local food banks and pantries. They can direct individuals to centers in their neighborhood.

Salvation Army of Albany

20 South Ferry Street Box 1787

Albany, New York 12201

Phone - (518) 463-6678

Offers various assistance programs for low income, jobless, and seniors. Everything from food, diapers, clothing, and furniture. Also limited money for heating bills, rent, and other basic needs may be offered.

Trinity Institution, Arbor Hill Center

Address is 47 North Lark Street

Albany, New York 12210

Phone number - (518) 463-1516

Trinity Institution

Food bank location is 15 Trinity Place

Albany, NY 12202

Telephone: (518) 449-5155

Emergency boxes of food can feed struggling Albany County residents. There may be perishable goods such as fruit, canned soup, and even Christmas meals served.

Albany Community Action Program Cohoes Outreach Center

Address is 20 White Street

Cohoes, NY 12047

Telephone - (518) 237-9201

Much of what they offer is referrals to government aid, including SNAP food stamps and other USDA approved programs. The information can help feed children, seniors, and the jobless among others.

Salvation Army - Family Service Center - Cohoes

300 Ontario Street

Cohoes, NY 12047

(518) 463-6678 Ext. 21

Offers many of the same programs as the Albany Salvation Army, which is listed above. Call for information or details. Also can help people apply for food stamps and WIC.

Colonie Christian Life Center

31 Vly Road

Colonie, NY 12205

Call (518) 456-3022

Hot meals from a soup kitchen are combined with emergency food from the pantry.

Bethlehem Food Pantry

445 Delaware Avenue Bethlehem Town Hall

Delmar, New York 12054

Call (518) 439-4955 which is the administrative phone number, and a representative can provide information on times when food is distributed.

Bethlehem Senior Services

445 Delaware Avenue

Delmar, New York 12054

Phone number - (518) 439-4955

Programs for seniors, including home delivered meals and food, health care, and medications. A great place for information on government medical and health care services too.

The Church of Saint Ambrose

Location is 347 Old Loudon Road

Latham, NY, 12110

Dial 518-785-1351

Programs include Thanksgiving, Christmas and free Easter baskets, clothing from a thrift store, hygiene supplies, and more.

Church of Blessed Sacrament

Address is 607 Central Avenue

Albany, New York 12206

518-458-1167

For more information or referrals to pantries, call 518.786.3691. Or callers can get information on applying for USDA food programs, such as WIC - Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children or free school lunches for heir children.