

KENSINGTON VOICE



Neighborhood food resources

- **The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** provides Pennsylvanians experiencing economic hardship with EBT ACCESS cards to buy food at grocery stores, supermarkets, and anywhere else SNAP benefits are accepted. To apply online, go to bit.ly/APPLYSNAP. For more information about applying in person, go to bit.ly/DHS-SNAP or call 215-560-7226.
- **Coral Street Fridge** is a **community fridge** located at 2670 Coral St. outside the Kensington Community Food Co-op. The food inside the fridge is free and can be accessed 24/7.
- **Mama-Tee Fridge** is a **community fridge** located at 2400 Coral St. outside of Franny Lou's Porch. The food inside the fridge is free and can be accessed 24/7.
- **Harrowgate Community Fridge** is located at 3420 Jasper St. The food inside the fridge is free and can be accessed 24/7.
- **Step Up To The Plate** is a network of **outdoor meal distribution sites** organized by Broad Street Ministry, Prevention Point Philadelphia, Project HOME, and SEAMAAC. The Kensington site is located in a parking lot on Ruth and East Clearfield streets that some people call The Love Lot and is open Monday through Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **West Kensington Ministry** has a **food distribution site** at 2140 N. Hancock St. on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. You can also schedule an emergency pick-up by calling 267-879-6310.
- **Norris Square Senior Center** provides a **meal distribution site for adults ages 60 and older** at 2121 N. Howard St. To reserve a weekly pick-up of five to seven meals, call 215-423-7241. Pickups are usually scheduled from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make sure to bring your ID for the pickup.
- **PaperMill Food Hub** is a mutual aid project delivering **food and essential items** to families in Kensington and surrounding neighborhoods. Contact them at papermillfoodhub@gmail.com.
- **Farm to Families** provides Philadelphians with **boxes of fresh produce** at a reduced price. Farm to Families is a program of **St. Christopher's Foundation for Children**. Order a produce box and pay (using cash, credit, or SNAP

benefits) up to one week in advance for your items. The nearest location is St. Christopher's Hospital for Children at 160 E. Erie Ave., Main Entrance. Pickup is on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register, call 215-910-2901 or email f2f@scfchildren.org.

- **The Simple Way**, a community organization, runs a **Food Choice Pantry** located at 3234 Potter St. The pantry is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Customers are given a number of points to spend in the store instead of paying with money. COVID-19 safety precautions include mask-wearing, social distancing, limited capacity, temperature checks, and hand sanitizer at the door.
- **St. Francis Inn Ministries** provides **meals served restaurant-style** in their dining room at 2441 Kensington Ave. from Monday to Thursday between 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and from Friday to Sunday between 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The ministry also provides **breakfast to-go**, which can be eaten in their garden area, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To request a **food basket for families and homebound older adults**, call 215-423-5845 and ask for Sister Mary or Sister Leslie.
- **Cast Your Cares Ministry** has a **food pantry** that provides community members with prepackaged bags or boxes of food. To schedule a pickup time, go to their building at 2438 Kensington Ave. on Tuesdays between 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. or call 215-634-7445. On Saturdays at 4 p.m., the ministry hosts a meal outdoors.
- **Community Center at Visitation** hosts free **family dinner nights** at 2646 Kensington Ave. every last Wednesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. You must register for the dinner by calling 215-426-9422 or by texting 267-841-7632. The organization also runs a **food pantry** every Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Norris Square Neighborhood Project** hosts a **Farm Stand** every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Raíces Garden at 2217 N. 2nd St. The Farm Stand's last day will be on Nov. 13.
- **Kensington Community Food Co-op** is a cooperative **grocery store** owned by its members. The co-op employs local residents and sells locally made products. It is located at 2670 Coral St. and opens daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **The City of Philadelphia's food distribution sites** can be accessed at phila.gov/food.

Need more information? Want to let us know about another food resource? Email editors@kensingtonvoice.com

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