

Columbia County Food & Nutrition Resources

Food Pantries



Bread Basket Community Food Pantry

First Presbyterian Church
121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI 53923
Serves residents of Cambria School District on an on-call basis; Call Della Gorsuch at (920) 348-5644, Joanne Sanderson at (920) 348-5568, or Ann Smedema at (920) 348-5485 for assistance

Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry

Columbus Area Senior Center, 125 N Dickason Blvd., Columbus; Serves residents of Columbus & Fall River School Districts; Call (920) 623-5918 - a different church is responsible for distribution every month

Friendship Pantry (Friesland)

Friesland Reformed Church
107 E. Winnebago, Friesland, WI 53935
Serves residents of Cambria, Randolph, Friesland and Fox Lake on an on-call basis. For information, call Ruth Syens at (920) 348-5439.

Lake Delton/Wisconsin Dells Community Food Pantry

Community Action Building, 1000 Hwy. 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965; Serves residents of the School District of Wisconsin Dells (includes Lake Delton area) Kim McClelland or Lisa Williams at (608) 254-8353
Hours: Tues: 9 am - noon; Thurs: 1-4 pm

Lodi Area Food Pantry

Serves residents of Lodi School District
By appointment only:
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
Call Carol Meyer 608-592-4324 or
Judy Brownrigg 608-592-4626

PAD Pantry (Poynette, Arlington, Dekorra)

Village Hall/Nutrition Site
106 S. Main St., Poynette, WI 53955
Serves residents of Poynette School District
Claire Robson (608) 635-2185; Donna Luessman (608) 635-4448; Ruth Ann Waugh (608) 635-4167
Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm and Thursday 5-7 pm

Portage Food Pantry

Episcopal Church
211 W Pleasant St., Portage, WI 53901
Serves residents of Portage Community School District; (608) 742-3774
Hours: Mon & Wed 11-noon; Thurs 5-6 pm

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Poynette Clergy Food Pantry

Bethel Lutheran Church
101 Bethel Dr., Poynette, WI 53955
Serves residents of Poynette area on an on-call basis
Pastor Stephen (608) 635-2468; Church Office (608) 635-7118; or Kenneth Nelson (608) 695-6741

Prairie Pride Pantry

United Methodist Church
103 Reagles St., Arlington, WI 53911
Serves residents of Arlington and Poynette and Towns of Arlington, Dekorra, Hampden, & Leeds
Monique Duerst at (608) 228-6326
Hours: Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm and
Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am

Randolph Food Pantry

Evangelical Free Church
702 N. High St., Randolph, WI 53956
(corner of Hwy 73 and P); serves Randolph area
Sharon Sorenson, church in afternoons (920) 326-3821; call ahead, preferably before the weekend
Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm

Rio Area Food Pantry

Rio Community Center
104 Lincoln Ave., Rio, WI 53960
Serves residents of Rio, Cambria, & Doylestown
John Atkinson (608) 697-9006; Dean Hoel (608) 617-8044 or Suzi Salzwedel (608) 697-1490
Hours: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays - 10 am-noon
4th Monday - 5-6 pm

St. Vincent DePaul - Portage

St. Vincent DePaul Resale Shop
1311 W. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-5513; ID & application form required;
Hours: M-F, 9 am - 4:30 pm; **2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantry** is 2nd Monday of every month - 11-noon (open to all Columbia County residents)

Wyocena Community Helping Hands Pantry

Wyocena Community Center
165 E. Dodge St., Wyocena, WI 53969
Services residents of Pardeeville School based on income eligibility; Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-noon; closed most holidays and any 5th Mon-Thurs in a month. Also closed anytime School District closed due to inclement weather. Clothing, shoes, books, games, puzzles, and small household items available to anyone in need.

Other Food Resources

Free Community Meals—Open to anyone
3rd Saturday of each month, 11-1 pm at
Episcopal Church, 211 Pleasant St., Portage
4th Saturday of each month, 11:30-1:00 pm at
120 W Pleasant St., Portage

Community Garden

Columbus, Lodi, Poynette and Portage provide a small plot of land for a nominal fee to people who want to grow some of their own food. In Columbus, contact Terry Humiston, (920) 623-4955, thumiston33@yahoo.com.

In Poynette, contact the Village Administrator's Office at (608) 635-7524. In Portage, contact the Parks and Recreation Dept., (608) 742-2178. In Lodi, contact Mark Essex at (608) 592-2571.

Senior Nutrition Program

Serves people over age 60 and their spouses. No income or asset limits. Noon meals at sites in Cambria, Columbus, Lodi, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Rio, Wisconsin Dells, and Wyocena, and home delivered meals to homebound seniors who can't prepare daily meals. For more information, call Columbia County at (608) 742-9219.

Seasonal Farmer's Markets

- **Cambria Farmer's Market**
Tuesdays, 4-7 pm; Tarrant Park
- **Columbus Downtown Farmer's Market**
Wednesdays, 3-6 pm; Parking lot behind City Hall
- **Columbus Farmer's Market**
Sundays, 9am-1pm; N Ludington-next to Amtrak
- **Fall River Area Farm & Flea Market**
Saturdays, 8am-12:30 pm; Hwy. 16 & Poser Road
- **Lodi Valley Farmer's Market**
Fridays, 2-6 pm; N Main, corner of 113 and J
- **Portage Farmer's Market**
Thursdays, Noon-6 pm
Commerce Plaza, corner of Cook & Wisconsin
- **Poynette Area Farmer's Market**
Saturdays, 8-11 am, Pauquette Park, S Main St
- **Randolph Farmer's Market**
Saturdays, 8-noon; 335 S. High St

Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers

\$25 in vouchers to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at farmer's markets and participating farm stands, for age 60 and over meeting income eligibility guidelines. Call UW-Extension at (608) 742-9693 for details.

FoodShare (formerly food stamps)

Food assistance based on income
Contact Columbia County Health & Human Services
at 2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901
(608) 742-9277
Check your eligibility or apply for Food Share, health care or other services at www.access.wisconsin.gov

Neighbors in Constant Care Foundation

(920) 623-5540, 623-4772 or 623-4722
Serves Columbus/Fall River School Districts
Credit mediation, housing, food assistance, school supplies, or referral to other resources.
Call for information

SHARE Food Buying Club

Participants give two hours of volunteer service each month, which entitles them to select their monthly food order at a reduced price. Order forms are available on the website or pick up one designated Saturday a month. Call for more information: (800) 548-2124; www.sharewi.org

Columbus (Pickup: Senior Center)
(920) 350-0112

Portage (Pickup: St. Mary's School, 315 W Cook St.)
(608) 742-3153

WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)
2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 52901
(608) 742-9254

Provides food vouchers, farmer's market vouchers, and nutrition information to keep pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under 5 years healthy and strong. Income eligibility requirements.

School Lunch Program

Free or reduced price school lunch to eligible families.
Some schools also offer breakfast
Contact your school district for details

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

WNEP helps low-income families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars. Open to those who receive or are eligible to receive food stamps. Call UW-Extension Nutrition Coordinator, Becky Gutzman, at (608) 742-9693.

