

Food and Clothing Resources

Food Support Programs: Community Social Services Eligibility Specialists help county residents apply for the federal [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps and the [Minnesota Food Assistance Program \(MFAP\)](#) available to certain noncitizens 50 years of age or older. [How to Apply](#) information on food support services is available on the county website. Monthly benefits are issued to eligible clients in the form of a re-usable Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card that can be used at most grocery stores to buy [eligible food items](#).

Call 952-361-1600.

Food Shelves: The [CAP Agency Food Shelf](#) located at 712 Canterbury Road South in Shakopee serves residents of Carver and Scott counties.

Community food shelves and food resource programs include the following:

[Bountiful Baskets](#) Food Shelf serves residents of Carver, Chaska, Chanhassen, and Victoria. It is located at 1600 Bavaria Road in Chaska. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (closed Thursdays) and 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Bring a valid picture ID and proof of residence such as a utility bill. You may shop 1 time per month.

Appointments are encouraged. Call 952-556-0244.

Friends for Life Food Shelf, 309 Lewis Ave. S. in Watertown services residents of the Watertown-Mayer School District.

Call 952- 955-1980.

Southwest Carver County Food Shelf, 10 First Ave. NE, Norwood Young American, MN located in the old city offices and library serves residents of Cologne, Hamburg, Norwood Young America School District. Hours are 12:45-4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Call 952-467-1870 to make an appointment.

Waconia United Food Shelf, 11 S. Elm Street in Waconia (the old Klein Bank) serves residents of School District 110.

Call 952-442-3878.

Food Resources: [Fare for All](#) is a food resource program that provides nutritious food at below-retail prices. There are no income restrictions regarding who can participate in the program. Fare for All food packages can be picked up one day a month at St. Mark's Church, 350 Atwood St. South, Shakopee, MN 55379.

For more information and to order packages, call 763-450-3880 or 1-800-582-4291.

[Hunger Solutions](#) operates the **Minnesota Food Helpline** to provide solutions to food needs for individuals and families having difficulty making ends meet, Helpline hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Call 1-888-711-1151.

Free Meals: [St. John's Gathering Place](#) offers a free dinner from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Mondays at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 East Fourth Street, Chaska, MN 55318. [Loaves and Fishes](#) offers free community meals from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Church of St. Mark, 350 Atwood Street, Shakopee, MN 55379.

WIC Nutrition Program: The CAP Agency administers [WIC](#) (the federally funded nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children) for residents of Carver and Scott counties. WIC is a nutrition education and supplemental food program available to women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum or to families with infants and/or children under the age of five. Eligibility is based on household income. To find out if you qualify for the WIC program you will need to set-up an appointment.

For questions or to set-up an appointment call 952-567-8229.

Simply Good Eating: People with limited incomes can discover how to make healthy food choices while stretching food dollars in classes led by University of Minnesota Extension educators. The program is funded by the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Programs.

Thrift Shops: The [CAP Agency Thrift Shop](#) is located at 712 Canterbury Road, Shakopee, MN next to the agency's Food Shelf. Open to the general public, hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Items include clothes, toys, strollers, dishes, household items, linens and more.

Call 952-496-2125.

The [Blessed Bee Thrift Store](#) is located in the Cities Edge Building just west of Audubon Road at 2450 Chaska Blvd. in Chaska. Operated by Love, INC, the thrift shop is open to everyone. Hours are: 10 am to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 12-6 p.m. Thursday; and 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday.

Call 952-448-7794.