



Food Drop (fooddropIN.org) provides food distributors, truck drivers, and logistics companies with quick and easy options for donating unwanted loads of food. Rather than dumping rejected loads, drivers can donate unwanted items to hunger relief agencies where they will receive help unloading their trucks, a tax deductible donation receipt, and the benefit of knowing they are helping hungry Hoosiers through a coordinated food recovery effort. The Food Drop website (fooddropIN.org) provides information about where and when to donate items, as well as what quantities can be donated at each site. In addition to providing food for people in need, this program helps drivers prevent down time and expenses associated with food related products that are displaced, resulting in a service to get truckers back on the road while also being socially responsible.

Food Drop was started by Indy Hunger Network as a small pilot project with four organizations in the Indianapolis area in the spring of 2017 under the name of Indy Food Drop. The first year of the program brought in 87,000 pounds of fresh produce to the organizations involved, a value of over \$140,000 in donated products. These donations included green beans, lettuce, potatoes, and other fresh produce. Indy Hunger Network believes these numbers can be increased as new partners across the state join Food Drop and awareness of the program grows.

Indy Hunger Network's goal is to create a network across Indiana to capture all rejected loads of food. The larger this network, the more potential to capture wasted food and feed more people. Organizations that join Food Drop will be listed on the fooddropIN.org website, and will receive marketing materials to help promote the program.

Requirements for new partners

- Reporting of donations received through Food Drop
- Regular communication of any changes in contact information
- Capacity to accept a minimum of 4 pallets of perishable items
- Ability to accept calls after-hours and either make accommodations to accept donation or direct caller to another location that can accept the donation at that time
- \$100 fee to help with cost of website and marketing materials

Indy Hunger Network provides

- Start-up support
- Update and maintain the website
- Collect and compile donation data
- Design, production, and distribution of marketing materials for the project

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