

Meridian Township Micro Pantry Locations

Micro pantries that are available 24/7 are available at the following locations. Micro pantries are designed to provide for easy access to small amounts of needed food or other supplies. See inside for additional resources for needs that a micro pantry can't fulfill.

Faith Lutheran Church

4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos

Located off the parking lot behind the church building.

Two pantries are available - one for food needs and one for personal care/household needs.

Okemos Public Library

4321 Okemos Rd, Okemos

Located in southeast corner of the parking lot
This pantry supplies both food and personal care/household items.

Haslett Public Library

1590 Franklin St., Haslett

Located in southeast corner of the parking lot
This pantry supplies both food and personal care/household items.



Meridian Township Hunger Resources

Information on:

24/7 Micro Pantries

**Other resources for
those in need**

**Donating to provide for
those in need**



Hunger in Meridian Township

There have always been people facing food insecurity in Meridian Township and the pandemic and the related economic changes have made the problem more apparent in our community. We hope this brochure provides needed resources for both those facing food insecurity and for those who wish to help.

In this time of both health and economic uncertainty, having a food pantry available 24/7 is a marvel for those in need of a few additional food items to provide for themselves and their family.

For Those in Need

There are several micro food pantries in the township that are available 24/7. They are cabinets available for anyone at anytime. There are a variety of items in the pantries to help meet both food and personal care needs. We ask that you only take what you need so that others may also have their needs met.

If your needs aren't able to be met by the micro pantries or you have longer term needs, please see the Additional Resources section for ways to get additional help as needed.

Thanks!

Special thanks to the following for major contributions to stock our mini pantries: Faith Lutheran Church, Helping Women Period, Hastings Mutual Charitable Foundation, Friends of the Okemos Library, and Kiwanis.

Additional Resources

Okemos Food Pantry

Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Rd, Okemos 48864
Call (517) 349-4220 for an appointment

Haslett Food Pantry

Haslett Community Church
1427 Haslett Rd, Haslett 48840
Call (517) 339-8383 ext. 15 for an appointment

East Lansing Food Pantry

St. Paul Lutheran Church
3383 E. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing 48823
Call (517) 351-8541 for an appointment

Meridian Township

Katie Love, Human Services Specialist
Call (517) 853-4202
meridiancares@meridian.mi.us

Greater Lansing Food Bank

<https://greaterlansingfoodbank.org/>
(517) 908-3680

Central Michigan 2-1-1

Call 211 or (866) 561-2500
Text your ZIP Code to 898-211

Ways to Help

Micro pantries - donations can be directly dropped off into the pantries. If you have a large quantity of donations, case lots, or a monetary donation please call Faith Lutheran Church at (517) 349-0620, leave a message if needed. They will contact you to make arrangements to meet you to accept the donations. Don't leave donations outside of the pantries.

Contact other resources directly if you wish to support them.

Micro Pantry Needs

Items to donate:

- Breakfast items - cereals, toaster pastries, breakfast bars, oatmeal packets, granola
- Protein products - peanut butter, protein bars, tuna, chicken, or Spam
- Canned or microwaveable meals in a cup (soup, pasta, mac and cheese, etc.)
- Boxed side dishes or meals
- Paper products - toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels
- Menstrual care products
- Shampoo, hand soap, and dish soap - 12 oz (or so) bottles
- Toothpaste - family (not travel) sized tubes
- Bath soap bars

Donate with wisdom:

- Expired or opened/used items are not accepted
- Pantries are not climate controlled, so be mindful of the weather. Fresh items tend to freeze or cook. Other items like glass jars might crack or cans might split in the cold.
- Frozen/refrigerated items can't be kept at the proper temperature
- Stock items that families in our community will use
- Items that are quick and easy to prepare tend to be used the most
- For safety, no homemade or repackaged items, only commercially packaged items

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