



Our Mission

Food access is a human right. Finding it shouldn't depend on knowing the right website. Online directories can tell you when a place is supposed to be open. Neighbors can tell you what's happening on the ground *right now*.

The Problem

Free food information is scattered everywhere.

It's in food bank directories, Google Maps, city PDFs, school handouts, social media posts, and organization websites. The information overlaps, conflicts, and goes out of date when locations move, change their hours, or close. For someone trying to find food, a bad listing isn't just an inconvenience. It can mean a wasted trip, wasted time, and lost trust.

The Solution

We put it all in one place. PDXFOOD.ORG brings together more than 400 free food resources across the Portland metropolitan area, from large organizations to neighborhood pantries. We collect information from many public sources, clean it up, remove duplicates, and put it on one searchable map.

And we let the people who use these places help keep the map accurate. Anyone can suggest a new location or report a problem with an existing listing. Volunteers review reports, verify changes, and update the map. That means the information can change when the real world changes.

Typical online directories	PDXFOOD.ORG
Static PDFs and archived pages	Unified live map with real-time community updates
Updated only when organizations publish changes	Community reports and verification keep data current
One-way publishing	Continuous feedback and moderation
Information slowly becomes outdated	Every listing can be reported, reviewed, and reverified

- **Know before you go.**

People can report whether a location is open, well stocked, running low, busy, or temporarily closed. It only takes a few seconds, and it can save someone a wasted trip

- **Distributed stewardship**

Keeping hundreds of locations accurate is a shared effort. We maintain the map, while organizations and pantries that want control can claim and update their own listings. Trusted volunteers verify changes, and listings are periodically reviewed to catch information that may have changed. Rather than relying on occasional updates, PDXFOOD.ORG gives the people closest to each location a role in keeping shared community information accurate.

- **Built for the moment of need**

Find what's near you, what's open, and what fits your needs without digging through a dozen different websites.

- **See something wrong? Tell us.**

Every listing has a simple "Report a problem" option. Reports go to volunteer moderators who review and verify changes before updating the map. Most corrections are completed within 24 hours.



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