



The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries 2026

Welcome! The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries (SSKP) is an interfaith service that provides food and fellowship to those in need and educates our community on hunger and poverty. Filling out the registration form does not impact your eligibility to receive TEFAP foods. All who attend The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries program sites will be provided with food and fellowship to the best of our abilities. More information about SSKP can be found at www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org.

SSKP Food Pantry Locations Serving Groceries

SSKP strives to provide enough groceries to feed a household member 3 meals for 3 days based on state and national guidelines. If you arrive during posted hours, you will receive groceries.

Tuesday 11:30am - 2:15pm St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church 222 McVeagh Road, Westbrook

Tuesday 2:00pm - 4:00pm First Church of Christ in Saybrook 366 Main Street, Old Saybrook

Wednesday 3:30pm - 6:00pm First Church of Christ Congregational, Clinton 55 Church Rd, Clinton

Thursday 2:30pm - 4:30pm St. John's Episcopal Church 400 Main Street, Niantic

Saturday 8:30am - 10:30am First Congregational Church of Old Lyme 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme

Saturday 9:30am - 11:00am First Congregational Church of Madison 26 Meeting House Lane, Madison

SSKP Community Meals Home-style meals are provided without restrictions for anyone hungry in body or spirit. You are welcome to visit as many meal sites a week as you'd like.

Sunday 5:00pm - 6:00pm United Church of Chester 29 West Main Street, Chester

Monday 5:00pm - 6:00pm First Baptist Church in Essex 10 Prospect Street, Essex

Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm St. John's Episcopal Church 23 Main Street, Essex

Wednesday Noon - 1:00pm Grace Episcopal Church 336 Main Street, Old Saybrook

Wednesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm United Methodist Church 12 Commerce Street, Clinton

Thursday 5:00pm - 6:00pm Deep River Congregational Church 1 Church Street, Deep River

Friday Noon - 1:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church 109 Main Street, Centerbrook

Friday 6:00pm - 7:00pm Westbrook Congregational Church 1166 Boston Post Road, Westbrook

Saturday 9-10am Madison Congregational Church 26 Meeting House Ln, Madison

Other Help

There are many agencies that offer help to those in need. They can be found at www.211ct.org or by calling "211."

CT Foodshare and United Way provide mobile pantries. Text **"foodshare" to 85511** and **"UWNews" to 51555** or visit their websites mobilefoodpantry.ctfoodshare.org and www.uwsect.org/calendar for more details. Town residents can also call their town social service person for additional supports.

Holiday and Storm Closings

A pantry or meal site may be closed depending on when a holiday falls. Some sites may close due to events at a host site. We make all attempts to stay open during inclement weather but may need to close for safety concerns. Please check the local news channels 3, 8, 30, 61, shorelinesoupkitchens.org or The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries on Facebook for updates.

Call the SSKP Programs Information Line: (860) 245-9605



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2026 Pantry Guest Guidelines

Code of Conduct

The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries mandates fair, honest, courteous, and equitable treatment of all guests, employees, and volunteers. We respect the privacy of our guests. All of our services are free of charge. SSKP is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and welcoming space for both guests and the volunteer staff. We do not permit discrimination.

- ✓ We will maintain respectful communication. Derogatory remarks and cursing are not tolerated. Use of coarse language or threatening behavior may result in refusal of services.
- ✓ All SSKP host sites do not permit smoking on the grounds of the facility, including the parking lot.
- ✓ We welcome you to bring your children with you. Please always keep them with you to keep them safe and comfortable. All children should be safely restrained in age-appropriate seating at our curbside pantries.

Registration

Residents of the following towns may register as SSKP guests: Chester, Clinton, Centerbrook, Deep River, East Lyme, Essex, Ivoryton, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Niantic, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook. Residents of other towns are eligible to receive TEFAP foods only. Contact 211 or your local social services department to find pantries in your town.

- ✓ One resident (16 years or older) of a unique address must be present with photo identification **and** proof of residency to register. You may **not** register for someone else (friend, neighbor, relative).
- ✓ Accepted forms of proof of residency include: utility bill, lease/mortgage bill, home/auto insurance, vehicle registration. Guests without proof of local address will receive TEFAP foods only until proof of local address is presented.
- ✓ Your SSKP registration is for your unique address (you and all the people who live in your house, not just your family unit). Example: 2 families of 4 people living in a single-family residence are registered as one 8-person registration. Please inform the pantry registrar if you have a change of address.
- ✓ You only need to register at one pantry. Your registration is valid at all SSKP pantries (Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Clinton, East Lyme, Old Lyme).
- ✓ Registration renews each year in January. Previous years' numbers are not valid.

Picking Up Groceries

- ✓ Once your registration is processed, you will be given a uniquely numbered pantry card to bring with you to pantry each visit (photos of cards are also accepted). Please remember, you are welcome to visit only **one** SSKP pantry per week. Please have your number ready to show to the registrar when arriving at the pantry. If you do not have your pantry number, you must be able to show identification to receive more than TEFAP foods.
- ✓ New for 2026-registration check in may be done electronically at select pantry sites. Pantry cards include a QR code which may be scanned by the pantry registrar. The QR code links only to your pantry number. It does not link to any of your personal and private information. SSKP respects the privacy of our guests and does not share your data with anyone outside of the SSKP organization.
- ✓ You may only pick up for your address. **A household member 16 years or older must be present to receive groceries.** Guests are **not** able to pick up groceries for someone else (friend, neighbor, family member, etc).