

Ethical Food Banking Code

Food Banks Canada believes that everyone in Canada has the right to physical and economic access at all times to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences. In support of this commitment, Food Banks Canada laid out the following Code of Ethics. As an affiliate food bank of Food Banks Canada and Food Banks BC, WEGCSS and Slocan Valley Food Cupboard adheres to this code.

Food Banks Canada, the provincial associations, and affiliate food banks/programs will:

- Provide food and other assistance to those needing help regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, income source, age, and mental or physical ability.
- Treat all those who access services with the utmost dignity and respect.
- Implement best practices in the proper and safe storage and handling of food.
- Respect the privacy of those served and maintain the confidentiality of personal information
- Not sell donated food
- Acquire and share food in a spirit of cooperation with other food banks and food programs
- Strive to make the public aware of the existence of hunger and of the factors that contribute to it
- Recognize that food banks are not a viable long-term response to hunger and devote part of their activities to reducing the need for food assistance Represent accurately, honestly, and completely their respective mission and activities to the larger community

