

STORY COUNTY FOOD ASSISTANCE

There are many food and meal assistance options available across Story County. Since hours and guidelines can change, it's best to call ahead before visiting. The latest information is available at uwstory.org/food.

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AMES

AMES COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Various Locations

Limited to students enrolled in the district and their families. Call your Student & Family Advocate or apply online.

BETHESDA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

1517 Northwestern Ave, 515-232-6256

Choice pantry & clothing closet
Max. 1 visit per week

Hours

- Tues: 1:00 - 3:00pm, 6:30 - 8:00pm
- Wed: 10:00 - 11:30am
- Thurs: 1:00 - 3:00pm

GOOD NEIGHBOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

613 Clark Ave, 515-296-1449

Emergency food vouchers
By appointment only

MID-IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION (MICA)

230 SE 16th St, 515-956-3333

Choice pantry, home delivery available

Hours

- Mon/Wed/Fri: 10:00am - 3:30pm
- Tues: 12:00 - 3:30pm

THE SALVATION ARMY

703 E Lincoln Way, 515-233-3567 ext. 0

Story County residents only

Pantry: 1 visit per month

Market: 1 visit per week

Food available daily for unhoused clients

Hours

- Mon - Fri: 1:00 - 3:00pm (by appointment)
- Mon - Fri: 3:00 - 3:20pm (walk-in)

FOOD AT FIRST

611 Clark Ave, 515-344-4357

Located inside First Christian Church
Meals and food pantry

Meal Hours

- Sun - Fri: 5:45 - 6:15pm
- Sat: 11:30am - 12:15pm

Pantry Hours

- Mon & Thurs: 4:30 - 5:30pm
- Sat: 10:00 - 11:00am

HEARTLAND MEALS ON WHEELS

515-357-4573

Prepared meals delivered to eligible seniors

Call to set up services

ROMERO HOUSE

709 Clark Ave, 515-337-8088

Meals and hospitality hours

Hours

- Mon - Fri: 1:00 - 4:00pm
- Sun: 10:30am - 4:00pm

THE SHOP STUDENT FOOD PANTRY

MAIN SITE: 306 BEYER HALL

ISU students only

Hours

- Tues: 12:00 - 5:00pm
- Wed: 1:00 - 7:00pm
- Fri: 11:00am - 3:00pm

ONGOING PROGRAMS

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Bags of weekend food.
Available in Ballard, Collins, Colo, Nevada, and Roland-Story elementary schools.

CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Meal reimbursement program for in-home childcare providers. Contact MICA for more information: 641-328-3261.

FOOD ASSISTANCE/SNAP

Food benefits to low-income families to supplement grocery budgets. Apply online, by paper or call 1-855-944-3663.

SENIOR COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM

Supplemental food boxes for eligible seniors. Call 515-233-2906.

WOMEN-INFANTS-CHILDREN (WIC)

Supplemental food for pregnant or breastfeeding women and children up to age 5. Call MICA at 515-232-9020.

NEED HELP? CALL 211

For additional resources, call or text 211. It's free, confidential and available 24/7.



Get Connected. Get Help.™

STORY COUNTY

BALLARD COMMUNITY CLOTHES & FOOD PANTRY

*602 N Main Suite 105, Huxley
515-291-3543*

Clothing closet and food pantry

Hours

- Wed: 5:00 - 7:00pm
- Sat: 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Sun: 1:00 - 3:00pm

BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY

*701 Ballard Dr, Huxley
515-291-3543*

By appointment only

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

*215 2nd St, Cambridge
515-383-4392*

Located inside United Methodist Church

Must live in/near Cambridge
May visit every other week

Hours

- Tues: 6:00 - 7:00pm

COLO FOOD PANTRY

*602 4th St, Colo
641-377-2534*

Located inside United Methodist Church

Hours

- Sat: 9:30 - 10:30am

COLO-NESCO SCHOOL PANTRY

*919 West St, Colo
641-377-2282*

By appointment

For students enrolled in the district and their families

COLO PUBLIC LIBRARY LITTLE FREE PANTRY

309 Main St, Colo

Open to all

Hours

- Mon - Fri: 10:00am - 6:00pm
- Sat: 10:00am - 4:00pm

CUBBIE'S CUPBOARD

*1035 15th St, Nevada
515-382-2751*

Located inside Nevada Middle School

For students enrolled in the district and their families

Hours

- First and third Wed: 4:00 - 5:30pm
- By appointment

GILBERT BACKPACK BUDDIES

515-232-3740

Supplemental food and meals for students enrolled in the district and their families

HUXLEY FOOD PANTRY

*7503 E 1st St, Huxley
515-597-2831*

Huxley and Kelley residents only

Hours

- Thurs: 10:00 - 11:00am and 6:00 - 7:00pm

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

204 W. Broad St, Story City

Gilbert, Roland, and Story City residents only

Hours

- Sat: 10:00am - 12:00pm

MAXWELL-COLLINS FOOD PANTRY

*221 Main St, Maxwell
515-387-8505 or 515-491-5338*

Located in First Presbyterian Church

Maxwell and Collins residents only

Hours

- Third Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm

NEVADA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

*1110 11th St, Nevada
515-382-2974*

Located in garage of St. Patrick's Church

Eastern Story County residents only

Hours

- Sat: 10:00 - 11:30am

NEVADA FOOD AT FIRST

*1036 7th St, Nevada
515-215-3904*

Located inside First United Methodist Church

Prepared meals for pick-up or delivery

Orders must be placed online by 3:30pm

Meal Pick-Up Schedule

- Mon: 5:30 - 6:00pm
- Thurs: 5:30 - 6:00pm

NORSEMAN FOOD PANTRY

*206 S Main St, Roland
515-388-4348*

Located in Roland-Story Middle School

Supplemental food and meals for students enrolled in the district and their families

Hours

- Sun: 12:00 - 1:00pm

SLATER/SHELD AHL FOOD PANTRY

*411 3rd Ave, Slater
515-231-5643 or 515-231-0046*

Max. 2 visits per month

Hours

- Tues: 10:00 - 11:00am
- Wed: 7:00 - 8:00pm

ZEARING-MCCALLSBURG FOOD PANTRY

*107 W Main St, Zearing
641-487-7271*

Can be visited every other week
Zearing & McCallsburg residents only

Hours

- Wed: 5:00 - 6:30pm

PET FOOD

AMES PET FOOD BANK

2521 University Blvd, Suite 123

Max. 1 visit per month

Online application required