



Hello Welcome Pantry Shoppers,

Due to some changes to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) on the federal level and food sourcing challenges, the Welcome Pantry must make some changes to how we are serving our clients.

***Starting May 2025, each household will be limited to one (1) shopping visit per month.***

The Welcome Pantry has always been meant to serve as a supplemental food resource for those in our community experiencing food insecurity. The intention of the Welcome Pantry was never to replace your trips to your local grocery store but rather serve as a resource to help your budget stretch further.

At the Welcome Pantry, our goal has always been to be a warm, welcoming place to be, and that has not changed! We strive to be as thoughtful, intentional, and transparent as possible to serve our clients and Freeborn County to the best of our ability! What does that mean as it pertains to you?

- As mentioned above, pantry appointments will be changed to once a month.
- Shopping limits will also be impacted by the changes. Our priority has always been to provide milk and unlimited produce for our clients, but moving forward, those limits will be changing. Please see the changes below:
  - **2 half gallons of milk → 1 half gallon of milk**
  - **Unlimited produce → produce limited by weight (this limit may change depending on availability and best by/freshness)**

We aren't sure what additional changes will be required of us over the next few months, but we will update our website and Facebook page of any changes to allow you to have as much notice as possible.

If you find that your family needs more help than we can provide, we encourage you to reach out to United Way 211 and/or take advantage of other food resources in Freeborn County and Southeastern Minnesota!

Thank you,

Welcome Pantry Staff

