



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Flanagan Supports USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

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Senator John Flanagan (2nd Senate District) is once again supporting the National Association of Letter Carrier's (NALC) annual [Stamp Out Hunger food drive](#). This year's effort to assist those in need in our community will be held on Saturday, May 9th. During the event, letter carriers in our communities will collect food along their normal route to help restock area food banks, pantries and shelters.

The program, which is now in its 23rd year, is designed to help local families who rely on this assistance throughout the summer and is part of what is now the largest one-day food collection in the nation. According to the NALC, last year's food drive led to over 72 million pounds of food being collected, the eleventh consecutive year that at least 70 million pounds has been collected.

In an effort to make it more convenient for residents to participate, Senator Flanagan will be collecting donations at his office in Smithtown every weekday from now until Friday, May 8th. Anyone wishing to donate to the food drive can visit his office at 260 Middle Country Road in Smithtown during normal business hours.

According to the NALC, the list of items that will be collected during the event include non-perishable items such as:

- **Cereal**
- **Pasta**
- **Rice**
- **Canned fruits and vegetables**
- **Canned meals such as soups, chili, pasta**
- **100% juice**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Pasta sauce or spaghetti sauce**
- **Macaroni & cheese**
- **Canned protein – tuna, chicken, turkey**
- **Beans – canned or dry**

The organization asks residents to avoid donating any items that have expired or those in glass containers.

For residents who would like to make a donation from their home, items will be collected during normal mail routes on Saturday, May 9th. All donations should be placed by the mailbox or the front door to allow for easy pickup. While most post offices are participating in the program, residents are encouraged to check with their personal mail carrier.

“Thank you to all the men and women of the United States Postal Service who take the time to participate in this important event. Their efforts will help a great many Long Islanders who are in need. To everyone who is thinking of donating – thank you for your help in the fight to Stamp Out Hunger,” stated Senator Flanagan.

[Please click here for more information on Stamp Out Hunger.](#)