

Rules and Regulations for Food Vendors

Thank you so much for your interest in serving the survivors and volunteers involved in the devastating Wimberley Flood. If you are interested in providing prepared meals for distribution to support volunteers and survivors during the recovery clean-up process, please email wimberleyfloodfood@gmail.com in advance to coordinate. If you would like to designate funds for meal support, please donate to “Barnabas Connection Flood Relief” and indicate “FOOD” in the memo section. Donation info is available at www.barnabasconnects.org/wimberley-flood-2015/. Donations are tax-deductible.

You will be feeding crews who are actively working in unbelievably unsanitary conditions. Their immune systems have already been compromised. Please help us to ensure that nothing else gets in their systems that could have additional negative impacts.

- All raw ingredients must be transported to Wimberley at 37°F or cooler.
- Prepared meals must be kept at a safe temperature for no longer than 4 hours. This temperature must be 32°F-37°F or above 140°F.
- All sauces, dairy and egg products must be ultra-pasteurized. For instance, fresh salsa needs to, at the very least, be microwaved to 165°F before being rapidly chilled and brought into town.
- Please cook all meats to an internal temperature of at least 165°F. We must take every precaution to keep people safe. Remember that their immune systems are already compromised.
- Please include a cheap pair of vinyl or poly gloves with each meal. Latex gloves will be impossible for workers with wet, sweaty hands to put on. If serving sandwiches, burgers, or tacos; please also wrap loosely in foil so it is easy to open.

Keep in mind that large orders tend to come in with very little notice. These generally range anywhere from 50-250 per order. You will be notified as far in advance as possible of the time and number. These big requests will be for an entire neighborhood of work crews.

Feel free to bring drinks such as sodas, Gatorade, or iced tea. Check with wimberleyfloodfood@gmail.com before bringing water. We'd hate for you to take up valuable cargo space. We have been receiving ample water donations at this time.

Nothing is to be sold. All meals have been and will continue to be 100% donated. If your team happens to have anything left at the end of the day, please consider reaching out to another nearby community, such as San Marcos, Martindale, or Blanco. They would also welcome your support, and we will be happy to get you in contact with the right people there.

Remember to check road conditions before you come. Bridges and roads may be closed for repairs, and an alternate route may be needed.

Thanks again for your exceptional support during this difficult time. Please know that your effort and personal sacrifice is appreciated. Be prepared to take lots of pictures and get lots of hugs. Knowing that people care enough to help us has been a powerful morale boost to the community. "An army marches on its stomach!"

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