

# Columbia County Food & Nutrition Resources

## *Food Pantries*

### **Bread Basket Community Food Pantry**

First Presbyterian Church  
121 W. Florence Street, Cambria, WI 53923  
Serves residents of Cambria School District on an on-call basis; Call Della Gorsuch at (920) 348-5644, Joanne Sanderson at (920) 348-5568, or Ann Smedema at (920) 348-5485 for assistance

### **Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry**

(currently housed at the Senior Center)  
Serves residents of Columbus & Fall River School Districts  
Call (920) 623-5918—a different church is responsible for distribution every month

### **Friendship Pantry (Friesland)**

Friesland Reformed Church  
107 E. Winnebago, Friesland, WI 53935  
Serves residents of Cambria, Randolph, Friesland and Fox Lake on an on-call basis. For information, call Ruth Syens at (920) 348-5439.

### **Lodi Food Pantry**

1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church  
206 Pleasant St., Lodi, WI 53555  
Serves residents of Lodi School District  
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9 am - 4 pm  
You can choose own items during pantry hours; pantry chooses items after 4:00 or if you call ahead  
Carol Meyer (608) 592-4324/Judy Brownrigg 592-4626

### **PAD Pantry (Poynette, Arlington, Dekorra)**

Village Hall/Nutrition Site  
106 S. Main St., Poynette, WI 53955  
Serves residents of Poynette School District  
Claire Robson (608) 635-2185; Donna Luessman (608) 635-4448; Marv & Jan Gardner (608) 742-4494  
Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm and Thursday 5-7 pm

### **Portage Food Pantry**

Episcopal Church  
211 Pleasant Street, Portage, WI 53901  
Serves residents of Portage Community School District; (608) 742-3774;  
Hours: Mon & Wed 11-noon; Thurs 5-6 pm

### **Poynette Clergy Food Pantry**

Bethel Lutheran Church  
101 Bethel Drive, Poynette, WI 53955  
Serves residents of Poynette area on an on-call basis  
Pastor Stephen (608) 635-2468; Church Office (608) 635-7118; or Kenneth Nelson (608) 695-6741

### **Randolph Food Pantry**

Evangelical Free Church  
702 N. High Street, Randolph, WI 53956  
(corner of Hwy 73 and P); serves Randolph area  
Sharon Sorenson, church in afternoons (920) 326-3821; call ahead, preferably before the weekend  
Hours: Tuesday 1-3 pm

### **Rio Area Food Pantry**

Rio Community Center  
104 Lincoln Ave., Rio, WI 53960  
Serves residents of Rio, Fall River, Cambria, & Doylestown  
John & Connie Atkinson (608) 429-3728 or Bob & Helen Risgaard (920) 992-5258  
Hours: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays, 10 am–noon  
Limited amount of clothing available.

### **St. Vincent DePaul—Portage**

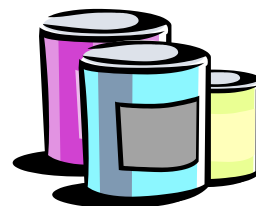
St. Vincent DePaul Resale Shop  
1311 W. Wisconsin St., Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-5513; ID & application form required;  
Hours: M-F, 9 am – 4:30 pm; **2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantry** is 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month 11-noon

### **Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton Community Food Pantry**

1000 Hwy. 13, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
Serves residents of the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton School District  
Kim McClelland or Lisa Williams at (608) 254-8353  
Hours: Tues: 9 am - noon; Thurs: 1-4 pm

### **Wyocena Community Helping Hands Pantry**

165 E. Dodge Street, Wyocena, WI 53969  
Serves residents of Pardeeville School District based on income eligibility; Hours: Mon-Thurs 10-noon; closed most holidays and any 5th Mon-Thurs in a month. Also closed anytime School District closed due to inclement weather. Clothing, shoes, books, games, puzzles, and small household items available to anyone in need.



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# Other Food Resources

## Portage Community Meal

Free meal available to anyone  
Served third Saturday of each month, 11-1 pm  
Episcopal Church, 211 Pleasant Street, Portage

## Community Gardens

Poynette and Portage provide a small plot of land for a nominal fee to people who want to grow some of their own food. In Portage, contact the Parks and Recreation Dept., (608) 742-2178; and in Poynette, contact the Village Administrator's office at (608) 635-7524.

## Elderly Nutrition Program

Serves people over age 60 and their spouses. No income or asset limits. Noon meals at sites in Cambria, Columbus, Lodi, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Rio, Wisconsin Dells and Wyocena, and "home delivered meals" to homebound seniors who can't prepare daily meals. For more information, call Columbia County at (608) 742-9219.

## Cambria Farmer's Market

Tuesdays, 4-7 pm; Tarrant Park

## Columbus Farmer's Market

Sundays, 9am -1; N Ludington, next to Amtrak

## Fall River Farmer's & Artisans Market

Saturdays, 8 am-noon; Hwy. 16 & Poser Road

## Lodi Valley Farmer's Market

Fridays, 2-6 pm; N Main, corner of 113 and J

## Portage Farmer's Market

Thursdays, 2-6 pm

Commerce Plaza: corner of Cook & Wisconsin

## Poynette Area Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 8-11 am, Pauquette Park, S Main St

## Randolph Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 8-noon; Stark St next to vet clinic

## Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers

\$25 in vouchers to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets and participating farm stands, for age 60 and over meeting income eligibility guidelines. Call UW-Extension at (608) 742-9693 for details.

## Food Share (formerly food stamps)

Food assistance based on income.  
Contact Columbia County Health & Human Services at 2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-9227

Check your eligibility or apply for Food Share, health care or other services at [www.access.wisconsin.gov](http://www.access.wisconsin.gov).

## Neighbors in Constant Care Foundation

(920) 623-5540, 623-4772 or 623-4722  
Serves Columbus/Fall River School Districts.  
Credit mediation, housing, food assistance, school supplies, or referral to other resources.  
Call for information.

## SHARE Food Buying Club

Participants give two hours of volunteer service each month, which entitles them to select their monthly food order at a reduced price. Order forms are available on the website or pick up one designated Saturday a month. Call for more information: (800) 548-2124; [www.sharewi.org](http://www.sharewi.org).

## Columbus (Pickup: Senior Center)

(920) 623-3306 – call this number first  
(920) 478- 3078 backup number

## Cambria (Pickup: Community Center)

(920) 348-4030 Call M-F 10 am-5 pm

## WIC (Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program)

2652 Murphy Road, Portage, WI 52901  
(608) 742-9254

Provides food vouchers, farmer's market vouchers, and nutrition information to keep pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under 5 years healthy and strong. Income eligibility requirement.

## Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

WNEP helps low-income families eat better, keep food safe, and stretch their food dollars. Open to those who receive or are eligible to receive food stamps. Call UW-Extension Nutrition Coordinator, Becky Gutzman, at (608) 742-9693.

## School Lunch Program

Free or reduce price school lunch to eligible families.

Some schools also offer breakfast.

Contact your school district for details.