



FIRES DISASTER RESPONSE

In response to the fires that first erupted on January 7, 2025 and spread to different areas throughout Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank has increased its operations and program activity to respond to people impacted by the fires.

Facilities, Transportation, Staff and Volunteers

- The Food Bank's **distribution centers** in South Los Angeles and City of Industry have continued to operate with no significant constraints.
- **The Food Bank's acquisition in August 2020 of a 256,000 sq.ft. distribution center** in the City of Industry has played a critical role in the Food Bank's response by significantly increasing the Food Bank's refrigerated, frozen and ambient storage capacity, volunteer production areas, and truck loading areas.
- **We are recruiting volunteers for on-site volunteer shifts, Food Bank distribution sites and our partner agencies located throughout LA County, for more information, go to:**
<https://www.lafoodbank.org/volunteer/>
- The number of Food Bank volunteers has doubled compared to last year to more 9,700 people contributing their time since the fires erupted.

Food Volume and Inventory

- **Food and product acquisition have increased by 36% since January 7, 2025 compared to the previous year, totaling 27 million pounds of food, water, and non-food items such as personal care items.** The Food Bank has received significant support from donors locally, throughout California and nationally to help in our response to the fires.
- **24.5 million pounds of food and product, with a value of more than \$39 million, have been distributed since January 7, 2025, including millions of pounds of ready-to-eat food items, water, and personal care items, to families and individuals through partner agencies, direct "Drive Through" and Mobile Food Pantry distributions, and wildfire resource hubs. Food distribution has increased by 33% compared to the previous year.**
- The Food Bank's City of Industry facility has provided the capacity for this increase in inventory in order to meet the ongoing demand for assistance in the coming weeks.

Food Assistance: For people seeking food assistance go to the Food Bank's food pantry locator at:

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>