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Foodbank

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'Just in Time' Produce Distribution at Eastern Illinois Foodbank

URBANA, Illinois – Eastern Illinois Foodbank will host a 'just-in-time' produce distribution on Monday, October 24 from 2-4pm (or until product is gone) at its Urbana warehouse. This distribution will feature fresh produce, bread and bakery items gleaned from local retailers and is open to the public who meet income eligibility guidelines (below).

While the Foodbank doesn't normally serve clients from its warehouse, this special, one-time distribution allows people to acquire fresh produce without visiting their local food pantries or emergency food programs. It is a first-come, first-serve distribution and attendees should bring their own bags or boxes to haul their produce.

"The Foodbank has seen a recent uptick in the pounds of fresh produce donated by local retailers," said Jim Hires, President and CEO of Eastern Illinois Foodbank. "Because of the volume of perishable product we receive we're looking for innovative ways to quickly get it into the hands of our hungry neighbors."

All local residents who meet income eligibility criteria are welcome. To be eligible, a household must have an income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level, or approximately \$3,746 per month for a family of four. People will be required to self-attest to their monthly household income. Full eligibility criteria are listed below:

Household Size	Monthly Income at or below
1	\$1,832
2	\$2,470
3	\$3,108
4	\$3,746
5	\$4,385
6	\$5,023
7	\$5,663
8+	\$6,304

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Eastern Illinois Foodbank works to alleviate hunger in eastern Illinois through cooperation with a network of food pantries, agencies and other programs. The Foodbank distributes donated and discounted food throughout a 17-county service area in cooperation with over 200 member agencies and programs. Through these agencies, the Foodbank provides meals to more than 116,000 men, women and children each year. The Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Illinois, the United Way of Coles County, and the United Way of Champaign County.