

MEDIA ADVISORY

Oakland County and Forgotten Harvest Team Up to Deliver Emergency Food Aid

Who: Oakland County, Forgotten Harvest and food distribution sites

What: Oakland County is partnering with Forgotten Harvest to help distribute emergency food aid to families in Southeast Michigan. The county is providing a box truck and two employees from its Facilities Management Department to assist Forgotten Harvest's mobile pantry and On-the-Go program, ensuring food is taken directly to those who are unable to travel to get it.

Twelve percent of Oakland County residents experience food insecurity. The recent record shutdown of the federal government put families at risk of not receiving their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food stamps benefits.

With routes scheduled over three days, Oakland County employees will deliver a total of 900 boxes of emergency food aid to select Forgotten Harvest partner agencies, which will then distribute them through their own local networks. Each box contains 18 meals. Forgotten Harvest currently works with 68 permanent mobile pantry partners throughout the region. Each site provides between 120 and 750 families with essential items such as produce, fruits and grains weekly or biweekly.

Using advanced food-insecurity mapping, Forgotten Harvest identifies areas of highest need to guide the quantity, mix and flow of food distributed through its network. This collaboration will strengthen those efforts and help ensure no family goes hungry this season.

When & Where:

- Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025. Pick up at Forgotten Harvest at noon. Distribution at Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park from 2-4 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 21, 2025. Pick up at Forgotten Harvest at noon. Bussey Center, 24501 Frederick St., Southfield from 2-4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 24, 2025. Pick up at Forgotten Harvest at 7:30 a.m. Distribution at Family Victory, 19421 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield from 9 a.m. – noon.