Donation Guidelines and Quick Reference

**FRESH PRODUCE**
No more than 10% decay, no interior (if hard) or exterior (if soft) mold

**Why aren’t we able to accept all fresh produce donations?**
We provide nutritious foods for families and vulnerable populations that are experiencing food insecurity. Houston Food Bank can take any produce that is 90% usable and 100% safe for human consumption.

**Acceptable**
Scarring, discoloration, misshappen, etc. any kind of physical defect

**Reach out immediately**
Short shelf life, wrinkling/yellowing/browning with age

**Not acceptable**
Mold or decay that impacts the product; mold that is exterior only but more than 10% of the donation, pests, and or odor

**CUT PRODUCE**
Must have 3 days before code date

**How our supply chain works**
Our supply chain takes an average of 3 days to process food. If you wouldn’t feed this to your grandma or your kids in 3 days, we likely can’t use it.

Donations
Food comes from:
Community Food Drives
Food Retailers, Grower Producers
Manufacturers

Houston Food Bank
Food is:
Weighted, Inspected, Sorted, and Packed

Partner Location
Food is:
Received and Displayed

When in doubt, send a photo!