

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



Food Rescue Partnership

Did you know that 40% of food in the United States is thrown away? With hunger as prevalent as it is, food should remain a valuable resource. This is why the Food Rescue Partnership strives to promote rescuing food for its best possible use, and envisions the Quad Cities as a community dedicated to eliminating food waste.

Three Simple Steps for Businesses to Get Started

1. **Make contact.** There are a wide variety of non-profit hunger-relief agencies throughout the Quad Cities that will graciously accept food donations. Decide which non-profit organization, such as a food bank, food pantry, or shelter to donate to and arrange pickup.
2. **Select good foods.** While certain foods may not be desirable to serve to your guests, it could still be safe, edible, and nutritious for people living in hunger. Start small by selecting foods that are easy to manage, store, and transport.
3. **Keep tally.** To encourage food donations, the United States Congress enacted Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code to allow businesses to earn a tax deduction for donating surplus food.

Making it happen!

The Food Rescue Partnership collaborated with St. Ambrose University students to develop a food rescue awareness strategy and educational materials. A special thank you to students from St. Ambrose University; your work plays a vital role in propelling the Food Rescue Partnership forward! For additional food rescue information, visit foodrescueqc.org.



OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

OUR VISION:

Scott County—
A safe and healthy
community.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, June 21, 2018.*

Links

Food Rescue Resources:

- Food Rescue Partnership foodrescueqc.org
- Map the Meal Gap feedingamerica.org

Pool Safety Resources:

- Scott County Health Department Public Swimming scottcountyiowa.com/health/public-swimming-pools-spas
- Iowa Department of Public Health Swimming Pool Safety idph.iowa.gov/swimmingpoolsandspas/safety
- CDC Healthy and Safe Swimming cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/

Swimming Pool Safety

Each year as the weather warms up, the Scott County Health Department inspects outdoor public pools before opening. Inspectors look for lifesaving equipment, first aid kits, and safety signs. Pool water must be clear and bottom drains must be visible. Chlorine and pH must be at proper levels to keep the water safe and clean.

What You Can Do

Do your own pool inspection. If the water is not crystal clear, do not go in. Cloudy water is not safe. Locate safety equipment— a life ring with a throwing rope attached or a life pole that you could extend to someone in trouble. Look for the bottom drain to see if the grate is broken or missing. Teach kids to stay away from drains. Supervise children closely, even if there are lifeguards.

Did You Know?

People are the main source of contamination of swimming pools. Chlorine kills germs but not instantly. Some germs are resistant to chlorine. Do not swim if you are sick, especially with diarrhea. Change diapers in the bathroom, not on the pool deck. Keep it clean!

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