



Take what you need. Leave what you can.

Greetings!

We would be grateful for [business/organization's] partnership in the work of the mini pantry movement. Here's how we'd like your help. According to the USDA, the United States' food waste is estimated at between 30-40% of the food supply. At the same time, Northwestern University researchers estimate food insecurity has more than doubled because of the COVID-19-related economic crisis; as many as 23% of households may be affected.

As a mini pantry steward, I am inviting you to consider diverting your business/organization's usable food that would otherwise go to waste to our neighborhood mini pantry, which helps feed our neighbors in need. If you are willing, a staff person may donate items directly to our mini pantry at [address], or I will pick items up at your convenience. I would be grateful to promote your [business/organization] as our partner. If you are interested, please contact me at the number below so we can discuss next steps.

**Sincerely,
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