

Code of Ethics for Food Bank Community

Food Banks Canada is committed to a strict set of principles that directs operations through our entire membership.

1. Everyone in Canada has the right to their daily sustenance and an existence which ensures that this condition is possible.
2. Food Banks pledge their work to the ultimate physical and social well-being of low-income persons.
3. Food Banks are committed to the social justice principle.
4. Each Food Bank recognizes its role as the steward of a community pool of food, which it shall strive to make available to all responsible groups providing charitable food.
5. Nationally, Food Banks are committed to an ethic of sharing with those in Canadian regions with less food resources.
6. Food Banks will not barter, sell or trade foodstuffs at any time.
7. Food Banks will have the highest regard for the proper and safe storage and handling of food.
8. Food Banks will know and understand the social service context in which they operate, to ensure that they do not reduce the impetus for improvement to the government social assistance programs.
9. Food Banks recognize their role in alleviating hunger as a temporary response to this crisis, and will devote part of their activities to lessening this role.
10. Food Banks will conduct all of their affairs and associations in a manner that will not trivialize the problem of hunger in any way, or see it used for commercial benefit.