

Severe Weather Policy



I. Policy Statement

Food Gatherers may cancel some or all operations due to safety concerns related to weather (heat, cold, ice, snow, etc.) In general, the Community Kitchen operations are never closed for severe weather.

II. Applicability/Scope

Food Gatherers' operations may be canceled when one of the following conditions are forecast in Washtenaw County:

1. High temperature at or below 0°F and/or wind chill at or below -20°F
2. Heat index at or above 110°F.

Food Gatherers' operations may be canceled when one of the following road conditions are expected and deemed unsafe for travel on our vehicle routes:

1. Snow accumulation of 10 inches or more overnight
2. Significant ice cover on roads

III. Partner Agencies

1. Food Gatherers will notify agencies in the event of a closure. If no alert is sent out agencies may assume Food Gatherers is open and Food Gatherers will assume all agencies are open.
2. **Agencies must contact Food Gatherers if they will be closed.**
 - **Call** (734-761-2796). If you reach voicemail, leave information about your closing in our general voicemail box
 - **Email** cfp@foodgatherers.org – this goes to the whole Community Food Programs team.
- Deliveries
 - Scheduled deliveries to agencies may be slightly delayed depending on road and traffic conditions. Agencies may contact Food Gatherers for an estimated time of delivery.
- Shopping Times at the FG Warehouse
 - If you have a shopping time at the warehouse, please plan to arrive at your regular time. **If you are unable to make the scheduled time, please call for a re-schedule.**

Food Gatherers will post information about canceled operations on our website (foodgatherers.org), but we will do our best to contact your site directly if we do cancel or delay our deliveries.