

FREE OPEN STREET FOOD PANTRIES

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Find your nearest free open street food pantry on our website above. No appointments, No form filling & No criteria's. Don' by shy, grab a kai.

Open 24 hours a day, 7 Days a Week

Kia ora everyone, and welcome to Pātaka Kai Open Street Pantry movement. Thank you for downloading the resource pack. We hope it will help you to set up and run a Open Pantry in your street, suburb, neighbourhood, city, community centre or hub.

A disclaimer for using this resource pack:

This is a resource pack, not a franchise or 'how to' guide. We are sharing all of our materials for you to develop further in your context. You are fully responsible for making sure that your open street pantry is legal & safe.

How to use this resource pack:

1. Review our materials and resources
2. Adapt materials to your local context
3. Mobilise support in your local community, recruit volunteers if needed, and launch it.

The (Pātaka Kai) Open Street Pantry Movement is a resident led, grassroots, crowd sourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need for food or a need to give, the Open Street Pantry Movement facilitates neighbours helping neighbours, building community. All street pātaka (pantries) are stocked organically. Those who wish to contribute may do so at their own discretion when convenient. Kai has a role of nourishing whanau tinana and wairua, while reducing stress and promoting the values of koha and manaaki. This is a way of celebrating as a culture, as an iwi, as a people. It's about that whole sense of manaakitanga. We are everyday residents like yourselves. We are inspiring Community Empowerment, Capacity building our kaitiaki's, enabling Inter-generational connectedness, it's Grass-roots led, & true Neighbourhood development all in one.

Pātaka Kai - for those who don't know - is the Māori term for a food storehouse or basically a pantry.

Why we need Open Street Pantries in Residential Streets?

- New Zealand families throw away \$872 million worth of food every year and cafes, restaurants and supermarkets also throw away millions of dollars of food every year.
- A number of accessible open street pantries in a suburb enables people with excess food to easily share it with people who need the food.
- Many people would like to be able to donate their food, but it can be inconvenient to take it to a food bank and find people who need it. The open street pantry is always open which allows people to drop off food at any hour, and means people can access the food whenever they need it.
- The geographical size of our city's can make it difficult for people to share food with those who may need it and for those who need it to access it. The number of open street pantries distributed around each suburb means people with transport issues will be able to walk to their nearest stand if needed.
- To access some of our local food services you often have to make appointments, fill out forms and fit a criteria. There are many that experience significant life changes that affect their finances yet do not qualify to access these services. Open street pantries require none of those things & have no criteria. All are welcome and we all need help sometimes.
- From Jan-April 2018, the number of one-off grants issued for food rose to 143,900, at a cost of \$14.7m, Ministry of Social Development (MSD) figures show. That's an increase of more than 50 percent from two years ago, and continues the trend of growing numbers of people requiring help with the basics.
- Many individuals & families forgoes food like fruit and vegetables often because they are just too expensive.
- Many of the current services are already stretched to their limits with numbers still increasing. For example Kids Can, the children's charity has sent 1.28 million items of food to schools at the beginning of term three as parents struggle with pressure on their food budgets and the Auckland City Mission reported mid this year it had distributed 15,879 emergency food parcels over the past 12 months - a huge increase from 12,753 in the previous year.
- The rise in petrol prices has put added pressure on our families.





Our aim is mobilize & support sufficient resident built and managed pantries per suburb, allowing residents with already existing resources on their properties i.e. Fruit trees, Vege gardens & non perishable items, the opportunity to share their excess kai to their neighbours and the community through the pantries. Outside of that we welcome any other fruits, veges & non perishable kai donations into any of the pantries.

How To Get Started.

We are everyday residents like yourself running this project. As much as we would love to fund every stand to be constructed this is not possible. However for this to truly be sustainable it requires finding individuals who are willing to step out and source donated wood through your own immediate contacts, your local building construction sites or even approach places like mitre 10. Making this effort and building your stand will give you more of a sense of accomplishment because of the effort you know you put in to do it and the knowledge of how much it is going to help your street and others in the community! Also search through the Open Pantry page as people often share resources in the page including free wood, tools, paints and even labour. If in doubt just give us a buzz. If you are thinking about starting one, please take the time to do it properly and make it sheltered. Here are some examples of a few stands in construction for South Auckland from different residents.



Location, Location, Location:

It's important that the stand is put somewhere safe & secured down so it doesn't fall on anyone. It needs to be accessible and visible. The best place is always on your property somewhere out front near the footpath, but if you are not sure if you can legally put it there then just give your local council a call to find out. As long as it's on private property & free then you are good to go, just make sure you use common sense with food health and safety and have some food guides up in your stand so people know what to do. If you are unsure ask a professional.

All of the following should be considered in determining location.

- **Safety first!** Your location should not place anyone in an unsafe place, whether in an area of high crime or high traffic. Please ensure it's affixed down safe too.
- **Second**, determine whether private property or public property best suits your vision. Follow appropriate channels to obtain permission and/or a permit and choose a back-up location in the event your request is denied.
- **Third**, determine whether neighbours will be supportive of the project. Will increased traffic to the site be viewed as nuisance or invasion of privacy.
- **Finally**, The Open Street Pantry should be accessible to the public. If in an area where people travel by car, sites should be safely accessible by car with no impact on local traffic.

Once you've found the perfect spot give us a buzz and we'll add you to the location map that can be accessed through our facebook page. We have some basic waterproof signage with food guidelines to affix to your stand BUT you are more than welcome to do your own signs if you like too. We encourage this. Our templates are just to help you get started but at the end of the day we want you to make it your own. Taking ownership of a stand is as simple as ensuring it's kept clean and tidy and providing updates to the facebook page when you can. You do not have to man your pantry 24 hours a day. The idea is to leave it freely open & unmanned.

Food Safety:

Ensuring people don't get food poisoned is very important. If you decide to take on doing a stand we encourage you to please check the food every few days and get rid of anything that looks old. Here are a few food guidelines to get you started but please add more if needed:

Food Rules:

- Please make sure that food you drop off is in a condition that you would eat it yourself.
- Please don't drop off any hot or pre-cooked meals.
- Please check that the food you are collecting is okay. We are not responsible if you get sick and can't monitor the stand 24 hours a day so will often not see what goes in and out.

Donations are accepted of:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables – they must be mould free.
- Tinned and dried goods – all items must be unopened.
- Breads, Sandwiches, biscuits, eggs and baked goods – this food can only be accepted if is less than two days old and is labelled with the date and time it was made.
- Long Life Milk

Food that cannot be put in the pantries:

- Unsealed or half eaten food.
- Mouldy fruit.
- Raw fish, meat, and bottled milk.
- Food that has been recalled by the manufacturer.
- Cooked food .
- Frozen Food.
- Seafood

The pantries only accept **FOOD** nothing else. This is to prevent people from dropping items such as clothing, appliances etc as these are difficult to distribute and often end up creating more work for residents who then have to personally store it. These guides are also available in other languages. A full detailed list can be found in the Resources tab on our website.

Health & Safety

As long as your pantry is on private property and is free it complies. All kaitiaki's are instructed to read all documents and affix the food guidelines to their pantry's before opening. These guidelines are also available in Maori, Samoan, Tongan, Niuean, Chinese & Hindi. We will have cook island available soon.

We advise all kaitiaki's to ensure they take good care and consideration when constructing their pantries, please don't just chuck anything out to be used. Please ensure your pantry is safely affixed down to something as high winds could cause it to be moved. We encourage having doors on your

pantries to prevent any animals from getting access & fly screens during the summer months. With regular cleaning this will also prevent any unwanted critters. Currently because we have such a quick turn over of kai we have not encountered any issues yet but will attend to any as they come up promptly.

How can I keep myself & my family safe by having a pantry outside the front of our property?

We advise all kaitiaki not to place their pantries inside their property parameters. It is recommended that you place it on the outside parameters near the public footpath. This is to prevent anyone using the pantry as an excuse to gain access onto your property and scope your house. You are not required to man your pantry all hours of the day. Your only role is to just provide a place for the pantry to be located, ensure its kept clean & post up updates to our facebook page when you can. We strongly encourage you to get your neighbours on-board to help you look after your pātaka kai. They can participate simply by keeping an eye out when they are at home, even helping to keep it clean & them just being aware helps too. You are not required to engage with people who come to take food from your pantry if you happen to be home and see them out there. In fact we discourage that and ask that kaitiaki's just allow them to come and go.

If at any stage you feel unsafe having a pantry outside of your property we strongly encourage you to discontinue doing this and to remove it from your property.

Is this a world first?

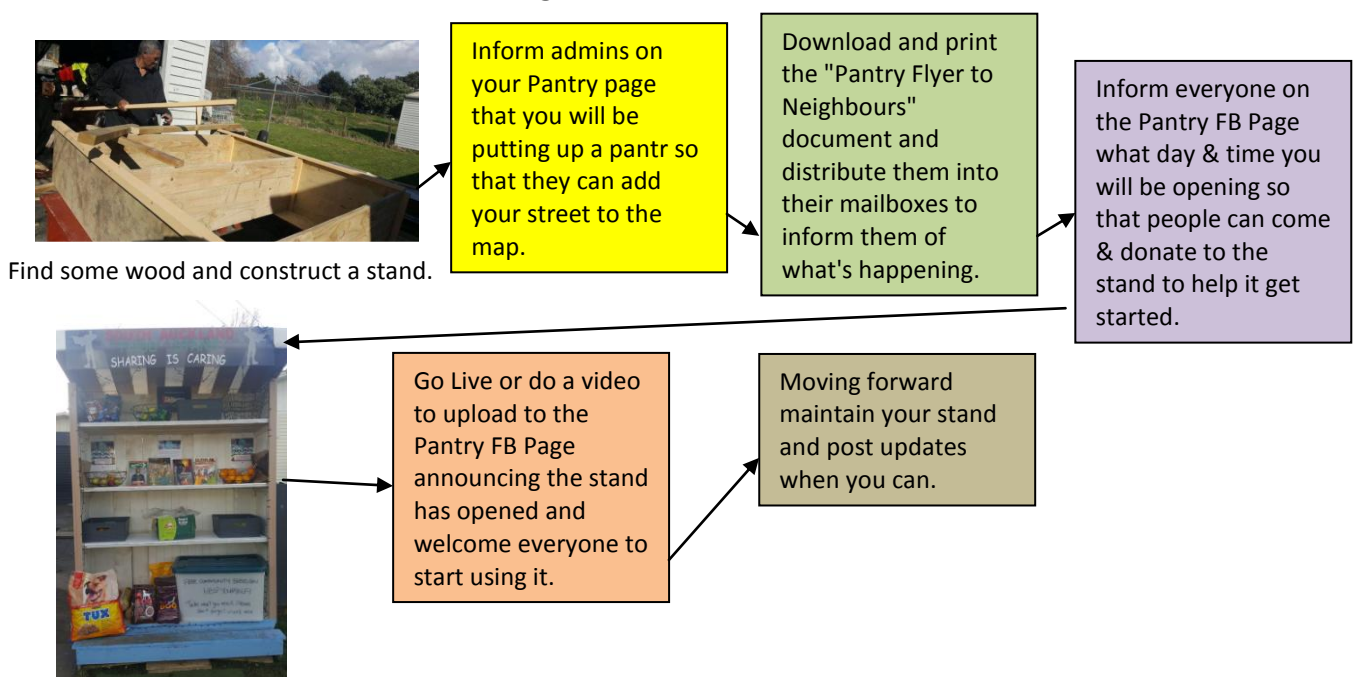
No, the Open Street pantry has been established in other countries but under different names, but the idea is essentially the same with a few of our own local added differences.

Warnings!

Before you embark on committing to this awesome journey & jumping on the waka (movement) please note you may experience people taking more than they need, some minor vandalism & possibly even some stolen baskets that hold your food. We want you to know this movement works on the good faith of others & that we anticipate a few bumps and challenges on the road but our saying is that "we will cross that bridge if/when we get to it & will always remain optimistic as well as resilient". Please read our F.A.Q section on our website for further details on this.

** Please note we will remove any listings off our website, google map and social media pages if we find any kaitiaki's mis-appropriating the opportunity to run a pantry. This may include the soliciting of funds, using very poor sub-standard items to suffice as a pantry and the taking of food from other pantries without permission to top up your own to name a few. The full list is available on our website under the "Getting Started" tab.*

Simplified Breakdown on how to get started:



Print the Signage & food guideline files in the FILES TAB on the Pantry FB page, laminate and affix to your stand. Get a few donations to get it started.

What happens after you decide to become a Kaitiaki of a pantry?

- You will be added to our members only page on our website.
- You're pantry will be listed on our website, pdf and official Map for more exposure.
- You will be added into our Kaitiaki ONLY facebook group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/patakai>
- You will be added into our contact list directory to receive other resources and invites to kaitiaki dinners & workshops.
- You will be added into the bread run routes if you live within the area of those deliveries.
- You will be supported with on-going training where needed.
- You will have access to other resources & bulk food distribution opportunities through our other external stakeholder relationships.

We thank you for getting on board this waka and joining this movement. Let's do this!