

Community Food Resource Agencies

* Community Crisis Center

704 N. 30th Street, Billings, MT 406-259-8800
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Delivering mental health, social service and substance abuse support for persons in crisis. Provides stabilization services which includes access to physical and mental health assessment, case management, food and emergency shelter for adults. Support groups are open to all. Youth services are limited to referrals only. The CCC provides regular referrals to food resource agencies.

* Community Hope Laurel

13 Cedar Avenue, Laurel MT 406-628-7281

Hours: M-F 9:30-3:30

Services provided: food boxes, clothing, household, financial aid, rental and utility assistance.

* Hardin Food Distribution – HRDC-7

409 North Crook Avenue, Hardin, MT 406-665-2523

HRDC operates the Crow Tribal Food Program for all registered and non-registered tribal members living on or near the Crow reservation. There are 68 food items available with this program ranging from canned fruits, vegetables, frozen meats, to all types of dry goods and fresh produce.

* The Hub

515 North 27th Street Billings, MT 406-248-4803

Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 <http://www.mhcbillings.org/>

The HUB is a drop-in center serving both the homeless population and those at-risk of becoming homeless by acting as a resource site for individuals in the community while promoting a motivational environment. Assistance with information about housing, SNAP, SSI, SSDI, homeless shelters, health care providers and other community resources. Services available include one meal a day prepared and served by HUB clients at 12:00 p.m. each day. Must be 18+ to enter.

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Food Access Resources

Billings & Yellowstone County



A Community Resource Guide for

Emergency Food Service Providers,

Federal Food Assistance Programs, &

Age-Specific Resources

Federal Food Assistance

* Yellowstone County Office of Public Assistance

111 North 31st Street, Billings, MT 406-237-0520

Hours: M-F 7:00am-5:00pm

Administers local financial assistance programs including: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Emergency Assistance and Food Stamp (SNAP) eligibility.

* SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Previously Food Stamps)

Where to find SNAP applications:

- Yellowstone Co. Office of Public Assistance (see above)

Phone: 406-237-0520 / Fax: 406-237-0572

• Applications can be downloaded from the following website and submitted to the address above:

www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/publicassistanceprograms.shtml

* WIC – Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants and Children

Food vouchers to: pregnant, breast-feeding, postpartum women and children up to 5 years of age

Where to find WIC applications: www.riverstonehealth.org

- 711 Central Avenue, Billings MT 59102

Phone: 406-247-3370 Fax: 406-247-3340

Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8-5, Wed 9 -1 & 3-6

ATTN: Late Summer/Early Fall 2011 WIC will move to:

- 123 S. 27th 2nd Floor of Clinic Building

Contact numbers & hours of operation will remain the same.

Applications can be submitted in person or via the phone.

* TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Where to find TANF applications:

Yellowstone County Office of Public Assistance

111 N. 31st Street, Billings, MT 406-237-0520

Hours: M-F 7:00am-5:00pm

TANF provides temporary financial assistance to needy families. Those who may be eligible for TANF benefits are: minor children, certain relatives with whom minor children are living, including siblings; women in their last trimester of pregnancy.

Food/Services For Seniors

* Yellowstone County Council on Aging

1505 Avenue D, Billings, MT 406-259-9666
<http://www.yccoa.org>

The Yellowstone County Council on Aging offers a variety of information, assistance and referral services to assist seniors in remaining independent as long as possible and remain valued contributors to their communities.

* Senior Dinner Program

Various Locations 406-259-9666

The Senior Dinner Program offers a delicious balanced meal at eleven Yellowstone County sites. There are no age, income or resident restrictions. For participants 60 and over a donation of \$3.50 is requested. Participants under 60 pay \$5.50. Meals are offered at noon on regularly scheduled days, except major holidays. Frozen meals may be available for purchase. The Senior Dinner Program also offers education, entertainment and companionship. Call Yellowstone County Council on Aging for a site nearest you.

* Senior Commodities

Distributed through Billings Food Bank 406-259-2856

In conjunction with the Billings Food Bank, the Yellowstone County Council on Aging supports the Senior Commodity Food Program. Once a month, eligible individuals receive a free box of food. Recipients must meet age, income and household guidelines.

* Meals on Wheels

Home Delivery 406-259-9666

Through the Meals on Wheels Program (MOW), a hot nutritious midday meal is delivered by volunteers Monday through Friday to homebound seniors 60 and older. A contribution of \$3.50 per meal is recommended. Meals are available in Billings, Lockwood, Laurel and the Worden area. Frozen meals may be available for weekend and holiday meals.

Affordable Fresh Produce

* Bountiful Baskets Co-Op www.bountifulbaskets.org

Grassroots co-op providing affordable baskets comprised of 50% fresh vegetables and 50% fresh fruit available for bi-weekly Saturday pickup. Reserve baskets online at above site. \$16.50 per basket, organic produce available for \$26.50. Occasional special offerings available (bread products, ethnic items, pantry items, etc.) Credit/Debit cards accepted. Pick up locations by MetraPark and West End (19th and Broadwater). See website for more details.



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(1-7 See Map For Locations)

1 Billings Food Bank
2112 4th Avenue N, Billings MT 406-259-2856

Hours: M-F 8:30- 5:00 www.billingsfoodbank.com

A collection bank for food and other essentials to be donated to individuals in emergency situations both directly and through partner agencies at no charge. Sponsor of the Senior Nutrition Program. Provide food & nutrition classes as well as beginning classes for 8-18 year olds. Culinary Job Training geared to unemployed and underemployed individuals over 18. Certified kitchen and food processing center available for those wanting to either start or grow a food related business. 24 Hour answering service for those seeking food assistance outside regular hours.

2 Family Service, Inc
1824 1st Avenue N, Billings, MT 406-259-2269

Hours: M-F 8:30- 5:00, Closed Wed. AM
www.famserv.com

Provides assistance with the basic necessities: housing, deposits and utilities, food boxes, household items, baby care products, city bus passes and in-town gasoline vouchers, driver's license, birth certificate applications, vision assistance, diabetic test supplies.

3 Friendship House
3123 8th Avenue S, Billings, MT 406-259-5569

After school and summer programs provide one to two daily meals for enrolled children. Billings Food Bank, Family Services and Salvation Army provide palettes of food that are distributed as available, in an informal first come first serve manner.

4 Montana Rescue Mission – Men's Shelter
2822 Minnesota Ave. Billings, MT 406-259-3800

Hours: M-F: 6:30 Breakfast, 12:30 Lunch, & 5:30 Dinner
www.montanarescuemission.org

Meals served to men, women and children free of charge. Services include: shelter, hot meals, clothing, medical care and limited transportation for residents.

5 MT Rescue Mission – Women's & Family Shelter
2520 1st Ave. North, Billings, MT 406-259-3105

www.montanarescuemission.org

Services include: shelter, hot meals, clothing, medical care and limited transportation for residents.

6 St. Vincent De Paul
2610 Montana Ave. Billings, MT 406-248-1411

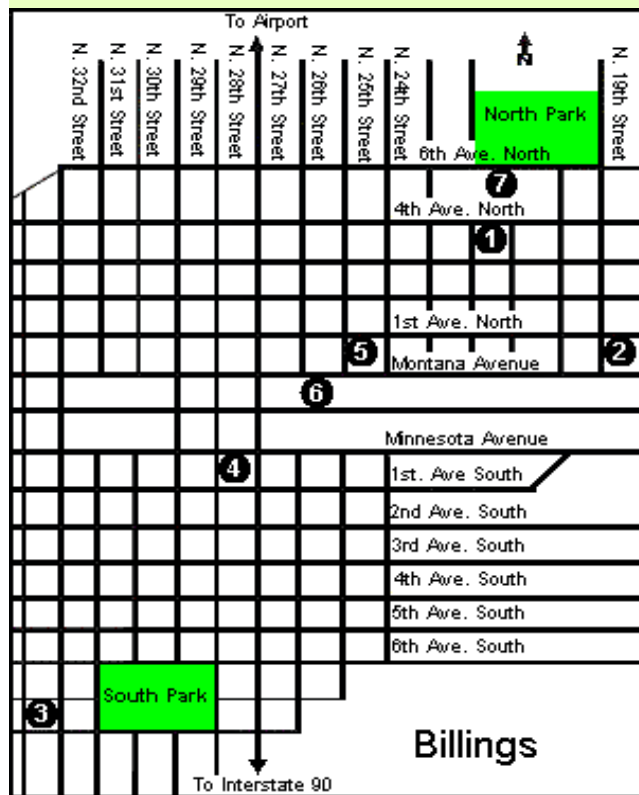
Hours: M-F: 8:30-4:00 www.svdpmt.org

Emergency Assistance: food, sack lunches, clothing, household items, some emergency medical travel, rent and utility assistance, etc. Eligibility based on need.

7 Salvation Army
2100 6th Ave. North, Billings, MT 406-245-4659

Hours: MWF: 9:00 - Noon & M-F: 1:00 - 4:00

Community Table Program (outreach feeding on location) with daily distribution of hot meals to over twenty sites in Billings, Worden, Huntley, Shepherd and Ballantine. (Call 245-4659 for the stop nearest you); Emergency assistance with eligibility based on need: rent/mortgage & utility assistance; Thrift Store vouchers, limited emergency medical travel; diapers & personal hygiene products; limited eye care for children; limited bus passes/gas cards for work.



Children: Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs

* **Summer Lunch in the Park** www.billingsschools.org
Jun. 15th - Aug. 12th, no service on July 4th & 5th

Time: M-F 11:45AM – 1:00PM More Info: 406-281-5878
The Summer Food Service Program feeds all children 18 & under healthy meals to help them stay active and fit during summer. Meals are provided FREE at the following locations: *North Park, South Park, Pioneer Park, Central Park, Crow Arrowhead Park, Gorham Park, Bair Family Clubhouse*

* **School Breakfast and Lunch Program**
School breakfast and lunch are government funded programs that provide healthy meals at school. Children from families with low & moderate incomes can qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Ask for information and an application at your child's school. Applications available online at <http://www.billingsschools.org>/ click Parent tab, then click the Food Service information tab.
When you receive SNAP benefits, your children are eligible for FREE school meals.

* **Backpack Program**
The Billings Backpack Meals Program provides weekend and holiday meals to chronically hungry students enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price meals programs at select Title 1 schools. Participating students are identified by Elementary school teachers and counselors and supplied with food packs on Friday for every child in the household that attends public school in Billings.

* **After School Snacks**
Nutritious after school snacks are served in elementary schools that provide an after school program run by School District 2. Programs vary year-to-year; check with your child's school for more details.

Clubhouses Serve Breakfast & Lunch During Summer

* **Bair Family Clubhouse Open to all youth ages 6-18**
505 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 406-245-2582
After School: M-F: 2:30 - 8:00 Summer: M-F: 7:00 - 6:00
Dinner provided after school at 6:30 by Billings Food Bank.

* **Lockwood Clubhouse Lockwood Youth K-8th**
1932 US Hwy 87 East, Billings, MT 406-254-1973
After School: M-F, 2:30 - 6:30 Summer: M-F 7:00 - 6:00

* **Castle Rock School Clubhouse**
1441 Governors Boulevard, Billings, MT 406-294-4527
After School: M-F, 2:30- 6:30 Summer: M-F 7:00 am - 6:00

* **Bench School Clubhouse Bench Students K-3rd**
505 Milton Rd, Billings, MT 406-294-4528
After School: M-F, 2:15 - 6:30 Summer: Attend Castle Rock

Food/Services For Teens

* **Tumbleweed Runaway Program**
505 North 24th Street, Billings, MT 406-259-2558
1-888-816-4702 www.tumbleweedprogram.org

Providing crisis intervention services, counseling services, mediation with families, assistance with court services, a street outreach program, gift certificates, and referrals. Some food provided to those who drop into the facility for services.

* **Teen Pantry at The Salvation Army**
2100 6th Ave. North, Billings, MT 406-245-4659
Hours: Monday & Thursday 1:00-3:00

Drop-in food pantry for all teens aged 13-19 and enrolled MSU Billings students of any age. A variety of shelf-stable food is provided in any necessary quantity. Teens and students may bring their own backpack, or a bag will be provided by The Salvation Army.

Community Gardens

Community Gardens are plots of land, particularly in urban areas, that provide a place for people to plant, grow, and harvest their own fresh produce.

* **St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Community Garden**
180 24th Street W. Billings, MT 406-656-9256
garden@standrewbillings.org www.standrewbillings.org
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has an organic Community Garden and labyrinth for individuals & families from within the church and beyond, to rent 8' x 8' garden plots (\$10/plot) seasonally for growing their own produce. Plots are watered automatically, compost is provided, and gardeners often help each other by tilling, or occasionally weeding. Striving to grow community as well as plants, gardeners are asked to donate at least 10% of what they grow to an organization or needy individual of their choice. A large Common Ground plot is also maintained by gardeners for donation to service organizations in Billings.

* **Mayflower Church Community Garden**
2940 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 406-656-5414
Mayflower Church has a Community Garden that hosts gardeners and volunteers practicing Square Foot and Organic Gardening techniques. Currently there are 18, 4' x 8' plots (\$20/season) with plans for expansion to 25 plots. Anyone interested in (mostly) organic gardening is welcome to join. Gardeners are expected to help on two or three Saturday mornings with soil preparation and throughout the summer with watering assignments. Gardeners can plant anything they wish in their own plot. Mayflower Church Community Garden is proud to be sponsored by Billings Landscape and Nursery.