



HELP US HELP OTHERS Fill the Boots for Food 2022

District 69 Fire Departments

Fire departments in District 69 are gearing up to fill their boots for food! On the weekend of November 19 and November 20, firefighters will be throughout the Oceanside region collecting cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank. Some departments will also accept donations at their firehalls that weekend. Parksville Fire will accept new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. Please check your fire department website for collection details.

Information on collection by District 69 departments is provided here; however, residents should confirm arrangements with their local department. The first food drive was held in 1997 and now includes eight departments in District 69: Bow Horn Bay Fire Department, Coombs Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department, Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department, Deep Bay Fire and Rescue, Errington Volunteer Fire Department, Nanoose Volunteer Fire Department, Parksville Volunteer Fire Department and Qualicum Beach Fire Department. Each year, Oceanside residents generously contribute and firefighters in District 69 look forward to another successful year.

Bow Horn Bay Fire Department

The Bow Horn Bay Fire Department will accept donations at the Bow Horn Bay firehall (220 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach) on Saturday, November 19 from 10 am to 4 pm. Cash donations are preferred.

Contact is Fire Chief Clayton Bucoviz bhbfire@shaw.ca
250 250-0419; bowhornbayvfd.ca

Coombs Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department

Members of the Coombs Hilliers Fire Department will collect cash donations on November 19 and 20 at Hall #2, 3241 Alberni Highway between 10 am and 2 pm.

Contact is Jennifer Jones [facebook.com/CoombsHilliersVolunteerFireDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/CoombsHilliersVolunteerFireDepartment)
250 937-9605; CHVFDfirefighters@gmail.com

Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department

Dashwood firefighters will accept donations of cash and food on Saturday, November 19 from 9 am to 3 pm at Station 61 (230 Hobbs Road) and Station 62 (Meadowood firehall, 1800 Galvin Place). During the week of November 21, donations can be dropped off at Station 61 (230 Hobbs Road), Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Contact is Fire Chief Nick Acciavatti dashwoodvfd.com
250 752-5434; firechief@dashwoodvfd.com

Deep Bay Fire Department

On Saturday, November 19 between 11 am and 1 pm, the Deep Bay Fire Department will accept food and cash donations at the Deep Bay firehall (5031 Mountainview Road just off Gainsberg).

Contact is Margaret Furnell dbid.ca/fire-department
250 650-3747 or 250 757-8351; mjfurnell@shaw.ca

Errington Fire Department

Errington Fire Station # 1 will collect cash, food and toy donations at the Co-op Gas Bar at the corner of Church Road and Alberni Highway on Saturday, November 19 between 11 am and 3 pm.

Contact is Lt Steve Ternes evfd.ca
250 248-5601; s.ternes@evfd.ca

Nanoose Volunteer Fire Department

On Saturday, November 19 from 10 am to 2 pm, Nanoose firefighters and NCS volunteers will be at two locations, Springford Farm and Quality Foods at Red Gap to collect cash and grocery gift card donations. Donations will go to [Nanose Community Services](http://NanoseCommunityServices), a local charity assisting individuals and families challenged by poverty and food accessibility. Please note, cash and gift card donations only at these locations.

Contact is Denis Holme nanoosevfd.com
250 468-7141; nanoosevfdtrainingofficer@shaw.ca

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department

Parksville firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank at locations throughout Parksville on November 19 (8 am to 4 pm) and November 20 (8 am to noon) - Wembley Mall (Save-on-Foods, Canadian Tire and BC Liquor Store), Corfield Plaza (Thrifty Foods and Mid Island Liquor), Quality Foods and Cascadia Liquor, and the BC Liquor Store at the old Quality Foods location. Donations of new unwrapped toys will also be accepted for the Society of Organized Services.

Contact is Captain Mark Adelborg parksvillefirerescue.ca
250 248-3242; firedept@parksville.ca

Qualicum Beach Fire Department

On November 19 and 20 from 10 am to 2 pm, Qualicum Beach firefighters will accept cash donations at the firehall (130 Rupert Road East), outside Qualicum Foods (705 Memorial Avenue) and the Qualicum Beach BC Liquor Store (706 Primrose Street). As well, firefighters will be collecting at the corner of Eaglecrest Drive and Clubhouse Drive on November 19 and the corner of Chartwell Boulevard and Sunrise Drive on November 20.

Contact is Deputy Fire Chief Friso McKenzie qbfirerescue.com
250 752-6232; fmckenzie@qualicumbeach.com

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Donations may also be made as follows:

- Salvation Army food bank donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road, Monday to Friday from 8-11.30 am and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3.30 pm.
- Society of Organized Services (SOS) is gratefully accepting donations for its Caring for Community at Christmas program. The program provides special gifts for local children and youth and grocery store gift cards are provided to families, adults and seniors so they may choose food meaningful to them over the holidays. Financial donations can be made online at sosd69.com, in person or by phone (250 248-2093), Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4.30 pm. New, unwrapped gifts may be dropped off during the same hours at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville (245 Hirst Avenue West) and at Qualicum Commons (744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach).

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