

FOOD 4 SCHDY

Welcome to our FOOD 4 SCHDY app that will help you identify, locate, get directions to and contact a wide array of food vendors, grocery stores, convenience stores, community meal sites, locations where you can purchase produce, and much more – all from vendors and locations in Schenectady County, NY. While this app can be used by and should be useful to anybody, we took special care to include food resources important to those in economic distress by including comprehensive information about SNAP vendors, Food Pantries, Community meal sites, and Summer Lunch sites.

The food resources we have included are the following:

* **SNAP Vendor**: all food vendors (not restaurants) that accept SNAP (food stamp) benefits
* **Food Pantry**: guests can obtain free groceries and other items
* **Community Meals**: sites where the public can eat prepared food or a meal
* **Summer Lunch**: sites where any child 18 or under can obtain a free lunch while the public school system is closed for summer vacation
* **Produce**: locations that specialize in selling or providing fresh fruits and vegetables
* **Large Grocery**: full service large chain stores such as Price Chopper, Hannaford and Shop Rite
* **Limited Grocery**: includes name brand convenience stores such as drug store chains with food aisles, Stewarts stores, convenience stores for major gas stations.
* **Local Store**: neighborhood-based smaller convenience stores
* **Holiday Meals**: sites where the public can either have a sit-down Holiday meal or can obtain the groceries with which to prepare their own Holiday meal

The Food 4 Schdy app uses the database for the sicmfood.com website to locate these food resources in Schenectady County. This website was developed by the Food Insecurity workgroup as part of activities stemming from a community health survey conducted by UMatter Schenectady in 2013. The workgroup was greatly assisted in this development effort by Robert Yoder, an information technology professor at Siena College, and was supported by Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM), Ellis Medicine, Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP), The Schenectady Foundation, and the City Mission of Schenectady. Funding was provided by Schenectady County Public Health Services through a Partnerships to Improve Community Health grant from the Centers for Disease Control.

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