



BNC Donation Guidelines & Parameters

Thank you for partnering with the Basic Needs Collective (BNC) to support our Thrift and Wellness Exchanges! Your support makes a meaningful difference for students and the campus community.

This guide outlines accepted items, donation requirements, and opportunities to partner with BNC to ensure donations are safe, useful, and accessible to those we serve.

1. Donation Drop-Off Locations

- **BNC Thrift**
- **Wellness Exchange** at PHC (inside the Peterson Heritage Center – PHC)
- Wellness Exchange at Price College of Engineering (PCE Main Level)
- Wellness Hub Wellness Exchange (SSB Room 350)
- Wellness Exchange at the School of Dentistry (Staff Lounge Room 3119)
- Wellness Exchange at Sunnyside (opening in August 2026)

2. Thrift Donation Guidelines

We welcome items that are clean, new, or gently used, including:

- Casual and professional clothing in good condition
- Shoes and accessories
- Socks and underwear that are unopened and in their original packaging
- Household items, bedding, and cookware (no knives)
- Seasonal items, such as warm clothing during the winter months

Before donating, please ensure that all items are clean, functional, and ready for immediate use. At this time, our office does not have the capacity to clean, sanitize, or repair donated items. Providing clean, usable donations helps ensure students can access resources with dignity and care.

We cannot accept:

- Clothing with stains, tears, excessive wear, or strong odors
- Broken, damaged, or nonfunctional items
- Used socks or underwear
- Hazardous materials or chemicals
- Knives, weapons, or weapon-related items
- Mattresses or large furniture items

If you are unsure whether an item is appropriate for donation, please contact us before dropping it off.

3. Acceptable Food Pantry Donations

The BNC operates multiple Wellness Exchange locations that distribute food and basic needs items. When selecting food donations, please be mindful of dietary restrictions and the unique needs of each Wellness Exchange location.

We welcome food items that are sealed, unopened, in their original packaging, unexpired, and in good condition.

Examples of requested items include:

Ready-to-Eat Foods

- Cereal
- Ramen or pho
- Macaroni and cheese
- Granola bars
- Instant or cooked rice
- Fruit or vegetable bars
- Canned or packaged tuna and chicken

Shelf-Stable Foods

- Rice
- Beans
- Lentils
- Quinoa
- Oats
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jam and honey
- Canned meals
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned meats
- Shelf-stable milk

To help protect the health and safety of our students, we can only distribute food that meets our storage and food safety requirements. As a result, we are unable to accept the following items:

- Opened food items
- Expired food items
- Homemade food items
- Perishable foods that require refrigeration or freezing
- Damaged food packaging

5. Donation Drives & Promotional Support

We are grateful for individuals, organizations, and campus groups that host donation drives in support of the Basic Needs Collective. If you are interested in organizing a donation drive, please contact the BNC Manager before launching your collection effort.

Due to limited storage capacity and staffing resources, advanced coordination helps us ensure that donations align with current student needs and can be received, sorted, and

distributed effectively. We would be happy to partner with you by sharing an up-to-date list of priority items, coordinating a convenient drop-off date and location, and providing guidance to support a successful donation drive.

If you plan to promote your donation drive using the Basic Needs Collective (BNC) or Center for Campus Wellness (CCW) name, please connect with us before distributing materials. We can provide approved logos, branding guidance, and promotional resources to support your outreach efforts and ensure messaging is accurate and up to date.

Contact Information

For questions about donations, organizing a donation drive, coordinating a drop-off, or requesting promotional materials, please contact:

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Thank you for supporting the Basic Needs Collective and helping us provide clean, usable items to our campus community!