



Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. and the Greater Boston Food Bank have joined forces to offer an Elder Brown Bag Program for income eligible residents 60 years and older and disabled adults that live in elder housing in the Merrimack Valley. People who qualify will receive a free bag of groceries once a month. The following towns are where we pack and distribute the bags: **Haverhill, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of the month at Pentucket Lake School, **Haverhill, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at Silver Hill Charter School, **Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of the month at the Lawrence Council on Aging at 155 Haverhill Street, **Tewksbury the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month at the Tewksbury Council on Aging at 175 Chandler Street in Tewksbury. The Haverhill and Tewksbury sites have group pickups from senior housing projects and Councils on Aging and the Lawrence site all the participants pick up their own bag. Once you have been accepted onto the program an information packet will be mailed out to you explaining how the program works and pick up information.

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Recipients must be **60 years of age or older or a disabled adult living in elder housing** and must be **low income**, as measured by participation in (or eligibility for,) at least one program for which proof of income has been demonstrated. This includes enrollment in **Mass Health, Food Stamps, SSI, Medicaid, Fuel Assistance, or similar programs, which establish that recipients earn a maximum of \$21,590 yearly for a single person, \$29,101 yearly for a couple.**

A typical Brown Bag contains perishable and shelf-stable foods including: cereal, beef stew, canned tuna, spaghetti, pasta sauce, raisins, apple juice, instant oatmeal, produce and cheese. There is **no cost** involved. *One bag per household.*

**Each participant must fill out an application and return it to Elder Services.** If you are eligible and there is room in the program, you will be mailed a welcome letter and identification card. You need to bring your ID card on pick-up day to receive your Brown Bag.

To register, please return this application to:

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley  
280 Merrimack Street, Suite 400  
Lawrence, MA 01843  
**Attn: Laura Marsan**  
**978-946-1303**



## Senior Brown Bag Participant Application

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Please fill in all information below.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_M \_\_\_F

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions about your household:

Total number of children (0-17) \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of seniors (65+) \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of adults (18-64) \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in your household receive SNAP benefits? YES \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility Status:** A person must be 60 years old and over and receive one or more of the following types of assistance or you receive Social Security Disability.

Medicaid \_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Food Stamps \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel Assistance \_\_\_\_\_ SSI \_\_\_\_\_ SSDI \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

My gross household income is at or below the guidelines provided: \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$21,590 yearly for single person, \$29,101 yearly for a couple)**

The Elder Brown Bag program is available to all eligible recipients regardless of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is true and complete. I understand that both misrepresentation of need and sale or exchange of The Greater Boston Food Bank product are prohibited and will result in my immediate removal from the Elder Brown Bag Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_