

December Resources

Resources in or near northern Kent County 2025

North Kent Connect ~ 10075 Northland Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341 ~ (616) 866-3478

NKC Holiday Sign-Ups End Monday, December 1.

The NKC Pantry will be closed December 18.

*The North Kent Connect building will be **CLOSED** from
Wednesday, December 24 through Thursday, January 1.*

Food Distributions at North Kent Connect

SENIOR PANTRY by Meals on Wheels (NKC classroom, north entrance)

Thursday, December 11, 10:00am - 11:30am

- Open to Kent County Residents 60+ who meet income requirements.
- Photo ID & proof of income required for registration.
- Please call Meals on Wheels 616-459-3111 for income qualifications.

SENIOR MONTHLY COMMODITIES by Kent County (outside on south side of NKC building)

Monday, December 15, 12:00pm - 2:00pm (early due to the Holiday)

- Open to Kent County Residents 60+ who meet income requirements.
- Please see a NKC case manager to complete an application for this program.

Events at North Kent Connect

RIDELINK NORTH COUNTY PANTRY BUS (NKC lobby, north entrance)

Tuesday, December 2, 9:00am - 12:00pm (first Tuesday of each month)

- Must be 60+ and registered with RideLink: 844-694-6589.
- Must be a North Kent Connect client 60+. Call NKC to reserve your ride: 616-866-3478.
- Currently serving: Rockford Towers, River Grove, Richter Place, Mildred Houting, Harvest Way, and Sparta Townhouses.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE (NKC north parking lot)

Wednesday, December 3, 10:00am - 11:30am

• KDL Bookmobile will be on-site, offering KDL card sign-ups, library materials for checkout, and Wi-Fi access with printing available. The Bookmobile is also equipped with an ADA chairlift for accessibility.

Area Classes and Programs

JOB SEARCHING WITH A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND by West Michigan Works!

Wednesday, December 3, 10:00am - 11:30am at the Greenville Service Center (114 S Greenville W Dr)

This workshop provides helpful information about background checks and job search strategies for someone with a criminal background. You will learn how to navigate applications and how to answer specific interview questions regarding your criminal background. You will also get information about programs and resources that may be able to assist with your job search efforts.

**To register for this FREE workshop, call West MI Works at 616-754-3611 or visit
<https://www.westmiworks.org/workshops/category/in-person-workshops/>**

Monthly & Weekly Pantries and Meals

Holiday hours may vary for these pantries and the NKC referral pantries.

FOOD PANTRY at St. Joseph Catholic Church (409 S Bridge Street, Belding)

- Thursdays, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

GROCERY GARAGE at City Impact (288 North Main St, Cedar Springs)

- Thursdays, 9:00am - 11:00am
- Saturdays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (following the 6:00pm church service)

FOOD PANTRY at First Congregational Church (192 E Bridge St NE, Rockford)

- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

FOOD PANTRY and MEALS at Sparta United Methodist Church (54 E Division Street, Sparta)

- Pantry: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm (Located in the church office, back entrance)
- Community Breakfast: Every 4th Saturday, 8:00am - 10:00am (Located in church lower dining room)

BABY PANTRY at St. Gianna's Baby and Toddler Boutique (1400 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids)

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm - 3:00pm; and Thursdays, 10:00am - 1:00pm; 1 visit monthly

MEALS at St. John Paul II Catholic Church (3110 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs)

- Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

PET FOOD PANTRY by North Kent Kibble at Ballard Christian Church (1633 10 Mile Rd NW, Sparta)

- Saturday, December 13, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Mobile Pantries

Tuesday, 12/2 at 4:30pm - Fremont United Methodist Church (Drive thru: 351 Butterfield St, Fremont)

Saturday, 12/6 at 2:00pm - The Vine Assembly of God Church (Drive thru: 112 Commerce, Grant)

Friday, 12/12 at 5:00pm - Sparta Early Childhood Center (Drive thru: 480 S State St, Sparta)

Monday, 12/15 at 10:00am - TrueNorth Community Services (Drive thru: 6308 South Warner Ave, Fremont)

Monday, 12/15 at 4:30pm - Cedar Springs Fire Department (Drive thru: 38 N 2nd St NE, Cedar Springs)

Tuesday, 12/16 at 5:00pm - Northland Church of Christ (Drive thru: 9891 S Mason Dr, Grant)

Friday, 12/19 at 4:30pm - Belding High School (Drive thru: 850 Hall St, Belding)

Saturday, 12/20 at 9:00am - Vineyard North Church (Drive thru: 4700 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids)

Saturday, 12/20 at 1:00pm - Zion Lutheran Church (Drive thru: 582 Lamoreaux Dr NW, Comstock Park)

Monday, 12/22 at 4:00pm - First Church of God (Walk up: 101 South Franklin St, Greenville)

If you have questions about a specific Mobile Pantry, please contact the host agency. You can find this information and other food resources online at www.feedwm.org/mobile-pantry-schedule/. This schedule is provided as a courtesy. It is not guaranteed to be error free, and may be updated or changed at any time, so use it at your own risk. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.feedwm.org/findfood. This site is updated in real time.

FEDERAL COMMODITIES (TEFAP) at Peace Lutheran Church by Kent County (1225 12 Mile, Sparta)

Thursday, December 18, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

- Open to Kent County Residents with a valid Michigan ID.
- For a complete list of TEFAP distribution sites in Kent County, visit Kent County Community Action at:

<https://www.kentcountymi.gov/191/Distribution-Locations-Information> or call 616-632-7950.

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