Brown Bag Program

The Brown Bag Program is sponsored by the Greater Boston Food Bank and Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). Participants pick up a brown bag consisting of 10-15 pounds of nutritious groceries once per month (one bag per household). The items represent a balance and variety of foods from the USDA Food Guide Pyramid. A typical bag might contain milk, cheese, pasta, rice, ground beef, tuna, green beans, peanut butter, and oatmeal based on availability.

Eligibility

- Registrants must live in Somerville or Cambridge
- Registrants age 60 or older OR under age 60, disabled, and living in a housing facility occupied primarily by the elderly
- Registrants must meet program income guidelines OR be a recipient of one or more of the following types of assistance: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Fuel Assistance, Veterans Aid

Registration

1. Call 617-628-2601 ext. 3117 and leave your name, address and phone number to receive an application
2. Mail the application back with a copy of your ID.
3. Once the application is received by SCES, a Brown Bag Card will be mailed to you (this card is required to receive a Brown Bag).
Brown Bag Pick Up

When: Every second Tuesday of the month between 10:00am & 12:00pm
Location: Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville

Consecutive non-attendance may result in removal from the program. SCES does not deliver or provide transportation for this program.

All registered participants:
- receive one bag per household
- must have their Brown Bag Card in order to receive a Brown Bag
- must be able to carry a fairly heavy bag of groceries, or may bring a helper or a cart with wheels
- may send a friend or family member with the participant’s Brown Bag Card if they are unable to pick up the bag

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