

Template for calling stores

Hello. My name is [name] and I'm calling on behalf of Meals on Wheels for Kids. We are in need of empty banana boxes that we can use to pack meals. Would you be able to save some boxes for us that we could pick up on [date and time]?

Tips:

Publix: Generally stores are only able to save boxes the day of not overnight. Call in the morning and they will be able to save boxes over the course of the day. Usually you can get between 5 and 15 boxes from one publix in a day. So, calling 2 or 3 locations is good practice to make sure you get a good amount of boxes.

Sam's Club: Generally Sam's Clubs are willing to save boxes throughout the week. Contact the produce manager and see if they can set this up for you. Even if you do not call ahead Sams Club offers boxes and most days it's possible to get 15 boxes. If boxes are saved over the course of the week it's possible to get 40-50 boxes.

Aldi: Aldi as a company will not save boxes and store numbers are unlisted. Not a good source for boxes.

Eckerd College: Bon Appetit is willing to save boxes but they only go through a few boxes that are appropriate each week so this is not a big supplier.

Liquor Stores: Obviously banana boxes will not be offered here but similar boxes that fit the requirements likely will be - be very specific about the box requirements so it's easier for the store to save for you.