



The Yellow Barrel

What is it? The Mission provides a “Yellow Barrel” to serve as a collection center and receptacle for those wanting to give to the Mission. Barrels are round, made of plastic, with a reinforced rim, non-slip handles, and a double-ribbed base. Barrels arrive on a round, twist-on/off dolly with heavy-duty wheels with swivel capabilities to provide for ease of mobility. They also have a Mission sign, denoting that they are meant for drives to help us help others.

How big is it? The barrel itself is 31.5 inches high with a 24 inch diameter, and the dolly adds an additional 7 inches in height (total = 38.5 inches).

Is it easy to move? As the barrel will be delivered on the dolly, it is fairly easy to move from room to room. The barrel and dolly weigh about 20 pounds, so transporting it up and down stairs may be difficult. The barrel, depending on the collected items, will continue to increase in weight. For example, a barrel filled with canned goods can weigh about 150 pounds.

Is there a fee to use the barrel? There is no fee to use the barrels; we are happy to provide them for groups, organizations, churches, businesses, or special events. However, we do ask, if you request barrels to host a drive, that you remember that these barrels are property of the Mission. If you decide not to have the drive, simply call us to pick up the barrel. If you do not return the barrels AND dollies or use them in a manner that damages the barrel, we will expect you to replace the barrel (at a cost of nearly \$100 per barrel/dolly set). Your request for the barrel equates to your acknowledgment and agreement to replace the barrels if needed.

Do we have to use the barrel? No, you do not have to use the barrels. Some people prefer to decorate a box to collect items.

Can we decorate the barrel? You are welcome to decorate the barrel in a way that does not damage or permanently change the look of the barrel. You’re welcome to wrap the barrel if you wish, or use scotch tape to affix a sign. Please note that if you paint the barrel or draw on it with marker, we will request that you replace the barrel (at the aforementioned cost of \$100).

Can we have more than one barrel? Yes, you can have more than one barrel. There may be times of the year, as in our holiday “Pack the Pantry” drives, when we are not able to give you as many as you may like, but we will attempt to meet your projected needs.

What items can go into the barrel? The barrels are excellent containers to hold non-perishable food items (canned goods, boxed foods, etc.), hygiene items for our personal needs closet (shaving cream, etc.), seasonal clothing (hats and gloves, etc.), or other items from our [needs list](#) or [Drive Flyers](#).

Does the Mission deliver and pick up the barrel(s)? Yes, the Mission will deliver and pick-up the barrel. Simply call 517.485.0145 to schedule. We appreciate your understanding that we cannot accommodate requests for immediate pick-ups and may not be able to pick-up/deliver at your first requested date/time.

Can we pick it up? If you have a vehicle large enough to carry the barrel(s), you are welcome to pick-up and deliver yourself.

If the barrel fills up before our drive is done, can we have it emptied? Yes, simply call 517.485.0145 to schedule a Mission representative to empty your barrel. Note that there is a difference between emptying and a “pick-up.” If you would like to keep the barrel longer, be sure to let staff know.

Can we collect items on a more permanent basis? Yes, several local churches and a few businesses host a permanent barrel to collect items for the Mission all year. The process is still the same to have the barrel emptied, just call 517.485.0145. If at some future date, you no longer want to collect items to help us help others, please be sure to let us know, and we will pick-up the barrel. Again, please remember that barrels remain the property of the Mission.

If you have any other questions, please call our offices at 517.485.0145 or email info@BEaRESCUER.com.

