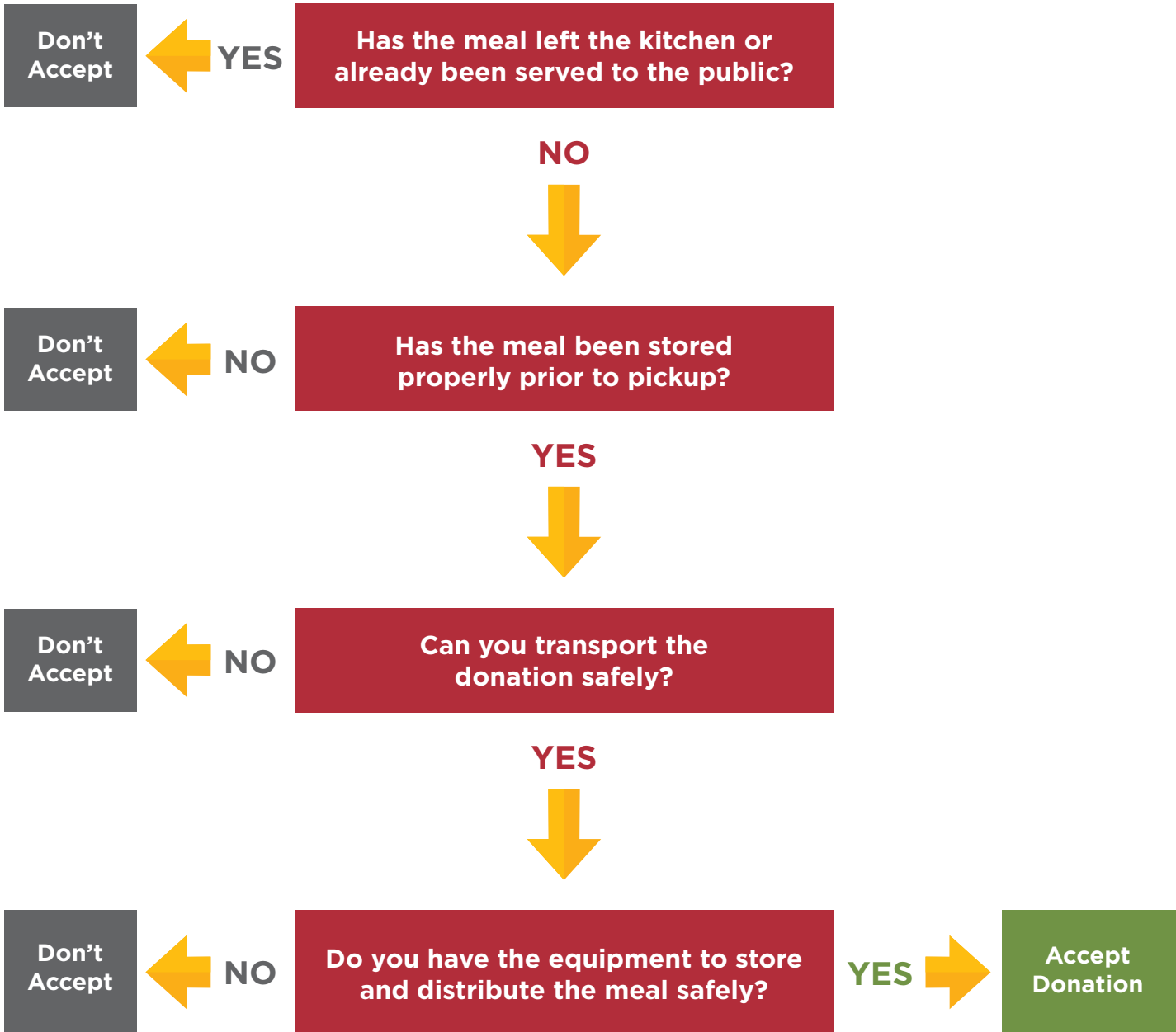




# PREPARED MEAL DONATIONS

I WANT TO TAKE A PREPARED MEAL DONATION





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## PREPARED MEAL DONATIONS INCLUDE

- Large pan of a meal
- Individual portions of a meal
- Bag of soup

## STORAGE AND SAFETY PRIOR TO PICKUP

- Food can never leave the kitchen
- Food can never have been served to the public
- Food must be completely wrapped
- List of ingredients must be included
- Must have donation date on the packaging
- Must have name of donor on the packaging
- Meal is cooled quickly if previously held hot
- Thawed meals must be kept in a refrigerator at 41°F or below
- Frozen meals must be kept in a freezer at 0°F or below
- Meals must be kept off the floor

## CODE DATE REQUIREMENTS

IF MEAL IS GIVEN FROZEN, KEEP IT FROZEN	IF THE MEAL IS GIVEN THAWED, KEEP IT THAWED	BAKED GOODS
Can last up to 3 months	Can last up to 3 days	3-5 days (if not moldy)

## TRANSPORTATION OF DONATION

### TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- Truck with a refrigerator unit capable of keeping product at or below 41°F at all times
- Truck with a freezer capable of keeping product at or below 0°F at all times
- Cooler filled with ice at all times
- Commercial-grade insulated blanket that covers entire product

## STORAGE AND REDISTRIBUTION OF MEALS

- Thawed meals must be kept in a refrigerator at 41°F or below
- Frozen meals must be kept in a freezer at 0°F or below
- If meal is donated thawed but will not be used within 3 days, the meal must be put in a freezer
- Meals must be kept off the floor
- If product is donated in large quantities and you have access to a soup kitchen, serve that meal immediately; soup kitchen will need a stove or microwave to reheat
- If meal is donated in large quantities, it can be re-portioned and repackaged, then distributed to families to eat off-site
- Need repackaging equipment if repackaging meal
- Need a safe and clean space to repackage

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