

## Food collection drive by firefighters begins Dec. 7

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Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department firefighters will be collecting food as part of the 2008 Santa Run drive. The annual holiday food collection effort start Monday, Dec. 7, and end Thursday, Dec. 10. For more information, visit [www.sbmfire.com](http://www.sbmfire.com).

(Map Courtesy of SBM Fire Department)

The department's annual Santa Run returns to area streets Monday, Dec. 7, continuing a three-decades old holiday tradition.

The evening collection effort in Spring Lake Park, Blaine and Mounds View to gather non-perishable items is led by SBM firefighters, their families and Santa.

Donated items will help the Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP) food shelves at 1201 89th Ave. N.E., Suite 130, in Blaine.

Organizers request all non-perishable items be bagged for easy handling.

Those wishing to donate can also include non-traditional assistance items.

Soaps, shampoos or personal care products also are acceptable donation items.

Children and parents should be at the end of their driveways or cul-de-sacs between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. on the days and routes that are listed below.

Sometimes Santa cannot make it down every street.

If there is an emergency, Santa has to go and he may not have time to return. Santa does regret that he can't reach every area.

Anyone missing the Santa Run can drop off donated food items at SBM Station 1, 1710 County Highway 10, Spring Lake Park.

## Santa Run Routes

Monday, Dec. 7: Mounds View: From County Road 10 south to County Road H, between Highway 65 and Silver Lake Road including Spring Lake Terrace Park.

From Highway 10 south to 89th Avenue, between University Avenue and Highway 65.

From Highway 10 north to 99th Avenue, between University Avenue and Highway 65.

From 85th Avenue north to 95th Avenue, between Xylite Street and 35W.

From 117th Avenue north to 129th Avenue, between Highway 65 and Cloud Drive, including 119th Circle East of London.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: From County Road H north to County Highway 10, between Silver Lake and 35W (includes Towns Edge Terrace).

From County Highway 10 north to 89th, between University Avenue and Airport Road.

From 99th Avenue north to 109th Avenue, between University Avenue and Highway 65 (excluding Blaine International Village Manufactured Home Community).

From 85th Avenue north to Flowerfield, between Xebec and Lexington Avenue then to Centennial Square and Restwood Manufactured Home communities.

From 129th Avenue north to 133rd, East of Highway 65 (includes Quail Creek Parkway). Highway 242 north to 132nd, between Jefferson and Highway 65.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: From County Highway 10 to 85th, between Highway 65 and Long Lake Road.

From 81st Avenue north to Sandburnol Drive, between University Avenue and Highway 65.

From 109th Avenue north to 113th Avenue including President Drive and Seventh Street, between University Avenue and Highway 65.

From Edgewood North to 99th, between Hamline Avenue East and Lexington. Also includes 114th Avenue west of Lexington, Lakes area and Savannah Grove area north of 125th Avenue.

From 117th north to 242, between University Avenue and Highway 65.

Thursday, Dec. 10: From County Highway 10 to Highway 10, between Long Lake Road and 35W.

From Osborne Road north to 81st Avenue, between University Avenue and Highway 65.

From Highway 65 east to Radisson Road (including North Oaks West and new subdivisions). Then 109th Avenue north to Arnold Palmer Drive, then to Blaine International Village Manufactured Home Community.

From Lexington Avenue to Sunset, between North Road and 115th and 125th avenues.

From 113th Avenue north to 117th, between University Avenue and Polk Street (includes Four Seasons Manufactured Home Community).

For more information about the SBM Santa Run, contact Mary Jo Clark, executive assistant, at 763-786-4436, e-mail [mjclark@sbfire.com](mailto:mjclark@sbfire.com) or visit [www.sbfire.com](http://www.sbfire.com).

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