MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT
NexusBC Community Resource Centre

What can I include in the Christmas Care Box?

We kindly ask that gift items be fragrance-free, non-perishable and gender neutral.

- **$25 Grocery gift card***
- Ground coffee
- Tea/ hot cocoa
- Large print puzzle book
- Small flashlight
- Greeting cards
- Postage stamps
- 2027 wall calendar
- Lip balm
- Unscented lotion
- Gloves, socks, toques
- Hand warmers
- Heating pad
- Kleenex packages
- Note book
- Magnifying glass
- Pill box
- Lottery scratch tickets
- Commercially sealed snacks such as, cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc.
- Candy, chocolates, licorice or mints
- Retail purchased: jam, jelly, or honey
- Olive Oil

*Grocery Gift Cards:

When we started this campaign in 2016, it quickly became obvious to us that seniors with lower incomes struggle with the cost of household items. They can usually only afford the basics and rarely can they afford fresh fruit and vegetables, or non food related items. Each year, we aim to provide every senior with $50 in grocery gift cards. Please read the FAQ's on the reverse side for more information regarding gift cards.

Drop off Deadline:

To get the gift to the recipient by Christmas,
we ask that you drop off the gift box by December 3rd.

Please take a moment to review our FAQs on the other side.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

*What stores do you recommend the gift card come from?

We recommend that gift cards be in $25 denominations and come from Freshco, Superstore, Walmart, or Askews (for Armstrong recipients). These are stores that seniors can easily get to by bus or on foot and purchase non-food related items as well.

IMPORTANT: Please bring the gifts cards in separate from the boxes, including the activation receipt if possible and have them clearly marked with the denomination.

Can I include a personal card?

Yes, absolutely! In fact, this campaign is as much about creating special connections than the actual gift item. We hope to include a card with each box that goes out.

Can I include a homemade food item?

While we appreciate the thought and personal touch that homemade items bring, unfortunately, we can only accept store-bought, non-perishable items due to food safety regulations and allergy considerations.

Can I remain anonymous?

Absolutely, it is your decision. We will never share your information but if you choose to include a personal card/ note please do what you are most comfortable with.

Should I wrap the gifts inside the box or the box itself?

We ask that you don't wrap the gifts or the box itself.

Where is the drop off location?

Gift boxes and donations can be dropped off at NexusBC Community Resource Centre, #102 – 3201 30th Street, Vernon BC V1T 9G3 (next door to Service BC). Monday-Thursday between 8:30am and 3:30pm. ***Deadline to drop off: December 3, 2026***.

What size is the Care Box?

The box is 12" long x 11" wide and 3 1/4" high.

I know of a local senior that should be on this list to receive a gift, how can they apply?

If you know someone who should be on the list, please call NexusBC at 250.545.0585 to nominate them or refer them to call us to self nominate.