Salem Mayor David Bower is making the ultimate challenge to the Washington County Officials for collecting canned goods and staples to help stock the Washington County Food Bank.

Getting into the spirit of giving during this holiday season, Mayor Bower discussed the need in our community for food and supplies during his Department Head Meeting on Wednesday, calling on each department to assist in this effort. This request will be placed on the water bills sent to citizens, stating the need for food collection.

Michael Ray, Salem City Chaplain, will be placing yellow bags in businesses for food collection around the community. Anita Bush with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce will also be helping.

Also anyone who would like to donate supplies with a long “shelf life” may drop canned goods and other items, off at Salem City Hall between 8:30 am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday, beginning December 3rd – December 17th.

This goes along with many efforts in the community for food collection donated to the Washington County Food Bank. Among those efforts is the challenge initiated by Becky White WSLM Radio. Involved with this event are I.U. and Purdue rivals Tom Paris and Rebecca Marshall. Becky named this annual event the “Old Oak Urn Bucket”. Citizens who would like to donate canned goods for this event may drop them by the Salem Apothecary, Mid-Southern Saving Bank, as well as other drop off points through-out the area.

There are several churches and businesses that also collect supplies for the Food Bank. The true winners of these events are the Washington County Food Bank and those in need of this service.