Help Finding Infant Formula in Morris County

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If you are unable to readily find formula, please consult the following resources that may be able to help:

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Manufacturer Hotlines

- Gerber's <u>MyGerber Baby Expert</u>: reach a certified nutrition or lactation consultant by phone, text, Facebook Messenger, web chat, or video call, who can help you identify a similar formula that may be more readily available
- Abbott's Consumer Hotline: call 1-800-986-8540
- Abbott's urgent <u>product request line</u>: ask your OBGYN or your infant's pediatrician to submit an urgent product request by downloading and completing the form.
- Reckitt's Customer Service line: call 1-800 BABY-123 (222-9123)

Community Resources

 NORWESCAP is our local Community Action agency. It serves multiple counties, including Morris.

NORWESCAP

350 Marshall Street Phillipsburg NJ 08865 Phone: (908) 454-7000

Email: vallim@norwescap.org

• Some accredited milk banks are distributing donated breast milk to mothers in need; please note that some may require a prescription from a medical professional. Here is the closest HMBANA-accredited milk bank to Morris County:

The New York Milk Bank

401 Columbus Ave.

Valhalla, New York 10595 Office: 212-956-6455

Email: info@nymilkbank.org

• **United Way's** 2-1-1: dial 2–1-1 to be connected to a community resource specialist affiliated with United Way who may be able to help you identify food pantries and other charitable sources of local infant formula and baby food.

WIC-Eligible Families

WIC, or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, is a program offered by the federal government for low-income women and children up to age 5. <u>Find out if you're eligible for WIC benefits</u>.

If you get WIC benefits, contact these Morris County WIC program sites to get help finding nearby sources of infant formula:

- Saint Joseph Medical Center WIC Program: wic@sjhmc.org
- St. Margaret Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960: (973) 754-4575
- Boonton United Methodist Church, 626 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005: (973) 754-4575
- Zufall Health Center, 18 West Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ 0780: (973) 754-4575

Food Pantries

If you need formula and do not otherwise qualify for federal programs, such as WIC, or have exhausted other resources such as your local pediatrician's office, consider contacting your local food pantry or the Interfaith Food Pantry Network to see if they have formula available.

View our list of local food pantries.

Have Formula? Donate!

If you have access to infant formula that you are able and willing to donate, please consider donating that formula to a local food pantry or to the Interfaith Food Pantry Network, which serves all of Morris County.

View our list of local food pantries.

General Guidance

- Call your OBGYN or pediatrician to see if they have in-office samples or can suggest a similar formula that may be more readily available in stores and is nutritionally similar to your infant's typical formula.
- You should **not** water down formula, try to make formula at home, or use toddler formula to
 feed infants. Don't discard formula unless it is expired or is part of the recall. Check your
 formula's <u>lot code</u> to see whether or not it was affected by the recall.
- You can find more guidance from the <u>American Academy of Pediatrics</u>.