

How to Use the Meat Locker

Step 1. Contact a farm to place an order for bulk meat. Meatsuite.com is a good place to start your farm search.

Step 2. Set up an account with the Meat Locker by calling (607) 272-2292 or emailing mnl28@cornell.edu. Choose a large 25-gallon bin for \$5 per month or a small 18-gallon bin for \$3 per month.

Step 3. Communicate with your farmer to arrange a drop-off of frozen, wrapped meat. Drop-offs of whole, half, or quarter animals must be by appointment, as we will need time to carefully inventory your cuts. Please make an appointment at least 72 hours in advance by calling (607) 272-2292 or emailing mnl28@cornell.edu. Expect your appointment to last about 15 minutes.

Step 4. During your appointment at the Meat Locker, work with the Meat Locker Manager to list and weigh your cuts.

Step 5. Stop by the Meat Locker during our regular open hours. The Meat Locker Manager will help you remove your desired cuts from your bin.

Step 6. Take your local meat home, cook a great meal, and repeat Steps 1 through 6 as necessary!

Meat Locker Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone Number: () _____ - _____

Home or Secondary Phone Number: () _____ - _____

Email address: _____

How would you prefer that we contact you? (circle one) mobile phone home phone
email

Bin size: ___ Small (18 gallons) ___ Large (25 gallons)

Membership Type: ___ Month-to-month ___ One year

Payment Method: ___ Cash ___ Credit/Debit ___ Check

Total paid at time of registration: \$ _____

Who is authorized to access your bin?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Welcome to the Meat Locker!

Meat Locker Intake Information Sheet

Is this the first time you have purchased *local* meat? Yes No

Is this the first time you have purchased local meat *in bulk*? Yes No

From what farm did you purchase this meat? _____

What processor was used to process this meat? _____

What species of meat did you purchase? Circle all that apply:



Beef



Goat



Lamb



Pork



Chicken



Bison

Other: _____

Hanging weight of meat when purchased: _____ lbs

Total weight of cuts when dropped off: _____ lbs

What quantity of meat did you purchase (1/2 pig, 1/4 beef, etc)? _____

Are you dropping off your entire bulk purchase? Yes No

If "no," approximately how many lbs did you hold back? _____

Have you ever visited MeatSuite.com? Yes No

Did you use MeatSuite.com to buy this meat? Yes No

Why are you using the Meat Locker's services?

How did you hear about the Finger Lakes Meat Project? Circle all that apply.

Friend

Facebook

Cornell Cooperative Extension publication

Advertisements

Ithaca Journal

Other: _____

Meat Locker User Agreement

Welcome to the Meat Locker! We aim to provide simple, friendly service, with straightforward terms and conditions. Please carefully read both sides of the form below and sign to acknowledge your understanding. Thank you, and welcome to the Meat Locker!

1. The Meat Locker is a warehouse, permitted by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. We are not involved in farm-consumer brokering and sales, transactions between buyers and sellers, or inventory management. We provide freezer storage space. We cannot ensure that a buyer or seller will complete transactions.
2. We are equipped with an alarm system and a back-up plan in the event of power loss. The large bins permit padlocks; it is the user's responsibility to provide an optional padlock. In the event of a power outage longer than 5 days, we will contact you to empty your bin.
3. Your storage unit is accessible for pick-up ONLY during the scheduled distribution hours. Drop-offs can take place anytime Monday through Friday between 9AM and 5PM by appointment only, with 72 hours advance notice. We reserve the right to refuse to open the Meat Locker beyond these terms.
4. It is the user's responsibility to inventory and account for all of their bin's contents upon delivery, and to sign for contents removed during distribution hours. If one unit is shared between multiple authorized parties, the Meat Locker management assumes no responsibility for the nature of inventory distribution among the parties. At the time of drop-off, the Meat Locker Manager will assist you in creating an inventory sheet.
5. Meat Locker rent is due each month. We will contact you *at least one week* prior to your next payment. Any party that has not paid rent will be forbidden to access their share until all back-rents are paid in full. Any party leaving their unit unpaid without contacting us for 60 days automatically forfeits the contents of their bin and their padlock, if applicable. Padlocks will be cut and contents of any forfeited units will be donated to a local soup kitchen or discarded.
6. Units are rented on a first-come, first-serve basis, and a waiting list is maintained. There is a maximum of four bins per person. We require 15 days advance notice if you decide to terminate your Meat Locker account.
7. Allowable contents of a unit are a) meat purchased from area farmers, b) fruits and vegetables from area farms and home gardens, c) meat from hunted game. We reserve the right to refuse to store any unacceptable content.
8. Users may store more than one species in a bin, however, they must be stored side-by-side and separated by divider. Cardboard is an acceptable divider. NYS law forbids storing multiple species one on top of the other.
9. All contents must be frozen and properly packaged at the time of drop-off. All contents are subject to inspection at the time of delivery. We reserve the right to refuse to store any contents that are unfrozen or improperly packaged.

10. The lid of a bin must close completely; bins cannot be stored over-stuffed. We assume no responsibility for damages to your contents after we have admitted them to the Meat Locker.
11. It is the user's responsibility to submit the names of all parties permitted to access the unit. Only individuals listed on the signed registration form will be permitted to access the unit. Anyone accessing a unit should have a current photo ID to present during pick-up hours, or they may be denied access.

I hereby agree to this User Agreement and sign to indicate my full understanding of and future compliance with these terms and conditions.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____