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New Jersey American Water Donates $25,000 and 1,000 Pounds of Food Through Statewide Food Drive for New Jersey Food Banks

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- Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Hillside in Union & Essex Counties
- Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Egg Harbor Township in Atlantic, Cape May & Cumberland Counties
- The Food Bank of South Jersey in Burlington, Camden & Salem, Gloucester Counties
- FulFill Food Bank in Monmouth & Ocean Counties
- Food Bank Network of Somerset County in Somerset County
- Mercer Street Friends Food Bank in Mercer County
- Norwescap Food Bank in Warren County
- REPLENISH in Middlesex County
- John's Pentecostal Church food bank in Salem County
- United Methodist Church food bank in Warren County

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About New Jersey American Water

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.9 million people.

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