



Diaper Bank Warehousing: Top 10 Considerations

PRICE: While price is probably the first thing you look at, it shouldn't be the only thing. Sometimes even "free" can be too much of a BAD thing. Here are 10 other things you should consider:

1. **Size:** How much space do you need now? What about growth for the next year?
2. **Layout:** In addition to space for storage, most diaper banks need room for volunteers to work and for office space.
3. **Flow:** There will be a lots of movement in your warehouse, are the aisles wide and is their space for maneuvering?
4. **Cubic capacity:** Some warehouses have large shelves. Although the size of the warehouse may be small, these shelves add to the over-all cubic capacity.
5. **Equipment:** Specific equipment is necessary to move large amounts of product from the truck and around the warehouse. Does the warehouse provide the equipment? If not, can the equipment be integrated into the warehouse?
6. **Staging area:** This is the area set aside for loading and unloading the trucks.
7. **Truck Access and Loading Dock:** Can large 53' tractor-trailer trucks easily get to the warehouse entrance? Is there enough "apron space" for a truck to turn around?
8. **Loading Dock:** Can the trucks be easily unloaded through the loading dock?
9. **Location:** Is it close to a freeway? Are there any local road restrictions for large trucks? Is it in a safe neighborhood? Is it convenient for you and your volunteers to get to?
10. **General condition:** Is it dry? Is it secure? Is there heat in the winter?