



Family Not Required: Foodoodle Brings Shared Meal Planning to Crews and Communities That Eat Together

Firehouse crews, EMS stations, and cohousing communities plan the week's meals by vote — one planner decides, one list covers the store run

TULSA, Okla. — You don't have to be a family to eat like one. Firehouse crews on 24-hour shifts, EMS stations, Coast Guard boat crews, wildland engine crews, and cohousing communities all sit down at the same table night after night — cooking for each other, shopping together, and settling "what's for dinner" in a chaotic group chat. Today, Foodoodle, a software company from Pensy Group, announced shared meal planning built for every table that eats together. Family not required.

The firehouse kitchen table has been called one of the most sacred areas of a firehouse — home to a crew's "second family," in the words of Fire Engineering. Cohousing communities share meals several nights a week, with rotating cook teams and serious dietary complexity across dozens of neighbors. Different worlds, same dinner problem: who decides, who cooks, what's in the pantry, and who builds the grocery list.

"A firehouse crew, a cohousing common house — they already live the thing every family is trying to figure out," said Jonathan Duhon, founder of Foodoodle. "They cook together, eat together, take care of each other around one table. If you eat together, this is for you."

Foodoodle fits the way these tables already eat. Everyone votes on the week's meals from their own phone; one planner makes the call. The grocery list builds itself from the week's meals, minus what's already in the house, grouped by aisle — one clean list for the crew's store run or the community shop. Snap the receipt and items tick off. Allergy and restriction conflicts are flagged, with a one-tap swap — a helper, not a guarantee. Setup takes about ten minutes; the weekly plan takes about four.

The crews and communities already sorting dinner in a group chat are asking AI for help too — and Foodoodle meets them there. Through MCP — the open standard connecting AI assistants to the apps you love — a crew can connect ChatGPT, Claude, or any compatible assistant and sort the week's meals in plain words: "what's for dinner this week," "add coffee to the list." Connect at foodoodle.com/assistants. The assistant works with the signed-in member's household permissions — it sees what they see, nothing more.

Foodoodle runs in the phone's browser — no app-store download — and can be added to a home screen. Free during beta: no card, no trial clock.

About Foodoodle

Foodoodle, a software company from Pensy Group, is shared meal planning for every table that eats together: shared recipes, weekly meals, grocery lists, and household favorites in one place, with voting from every member's phone and one planner who decides. It also works with the AI assistants you already use, including ChatGPT and Claude. Free during beta at foodoodle.com.

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