

Legal Help for Disaster Victims

SNAP (Food Stamps)

How can I get SNAP after a disaster?

If you are *already* receiving SNAP:

You may qualify for replacement SNAP benefits if a disaster, like a fire, flood or power outage, destroyed your food or made it unsafe to eat.

- Report the loss within **10 days** to your local SNAP office*.
- You will get 10 more days to return a signed and completed form describing the loss.
- If you qualify, you can receive up to 1 month of replacement SNAP benefits.
- Your replacement SNAP benefits should get to your EBT account within 10 days of when you reported the loss or within 2 days of when you returned the form (whichever was later).

If you are *not* already receiving SNAP:

You may qualify for Disaster SNAP (D-SNAP) benefits if where you live was declared a disaster area by the President.

- D-SNAP provides short-term food aid benefits to people who might not ordinarily qualify for SNAP.
- To qualify, you must live in an area that was declared a federal disaster area, have had some disaster-related loss or expense (damage to property or relocation expenses), and meet certain income limits.
- Call your local SNAP office* to find out where to apply.
- If you qualify, you can receive up to 1 month of D-SNAP benefits.
- They will send you an “EBT” card that you can use just like a debit card. You will get it within 72 hours after you apply.

If you apply for replacement SNAP or D-SNAP and are denied, you may appeal (in writing) to the office where you applied.

What is the difference between “expedited” SNAP benefits and “emergency” SNAP benefits?

“Expedited” SNAP benefits are regular SNAP benefits that families who are eligible based on their income receive more quickly than usual (within one week of applying).

Disaster or “emergency” SNAP benefits are short-term disaster benefits for people in certain areas who are not eligible under normal rules, but who now need food aid because they have lost income or other financial resources because of the disaster.

What can I do if I lost my EBT card in the disaster?

Call the EBT Customer Service number in your state. Ask for another card. Look for your state number here:

fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/state-lines.pdf

If you had to move because of the disaster, you must give them your new address.

Where can I learn more?

To learn more about food aid for disaster relief:

- *Call your local SNAP office. Look for their number here: www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-informationhotline-numbers
- Visit www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/disaster-assistance

Contact us for legal help with storm-related problems:

- Call
- Or visit:

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