




Federal Food Assistance

in the Event of a
Major Disaster



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Assistance Available to All

D-SNAP – Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Disaster Food Stamps)

If the President declares a major disaster, D-SNAP benefits are available for up to 30 days. The program is run by state agencies with help from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). You can get benefits as soon as 72 hours from the time you apply. You can only apply for D-SNAP benefits for a limited period of time after the disaster (usually 7 days). D-SNAP is NOT the same as regular food stamps (SNAP).

To qualify for D-SNAP:

- You must have lived in the disaster area at time of the disaster
- You must plan on buying food during the disaster benefit period
- You must have experienced at least one of the following:
 - Food lost due to disaster or spoiled due to power outage
 - Damage to or destruction of your home
 - Lost or inaccessible income
- You cannot access money for a long period of time
- You have less money and income than the income limit for D-SNAP (after any money you spend because of the disaster)

States may ask for a Social Security Number (SSN) on their D-SNAP application, but the application must say that a household will not be denied benefits because of failure to provide an SSN.



Federal Emergency Assistance - with some restrictions

For Longer-Term Food Assistance - SNAP (Food Stamps)

SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) provides low-income individuals and families assistance to buy food at grocery stores and other food retailers.

You can qualify for SNAP benefits if:

- You meet certain income requirements
- You are employed or are participating in an employment and training program; and
- You are a U.S. citizen, a Lawful Permanent Resident for more than 5 years, a Lawful Permanent Resident under the age of 18, or a non-citizen admitted for humanitarian reasons (i.e. an Asylee or Refugee).

To find the phone number for your state SNAP office or for more information about how you can qualify, you can call the SNAP toll-free information number at: 1-800-221-5689. You can also go to the SNAP web site at www.fns.usda.gov/snap.