

## **Latest Information: Disaster Food Stamps in Grays Harbor & Lewis Counties**

DSHS will provide emergency Disaster Food Stamps to households who lived or worked in Grays Harbor or Lewis County and have suffered a disaster related loss, such as damage to their homes or self-employment property, loss of food, reduction of income, or have incurred other disaster related expenses.

Disaster Food Stamps is a means tested program which means household income still has to be below certain levels AFTER adjusting the income for disaster related expenses and losses. **Deducting disaster expenses and income losses will make more families eligible for help.**

**DSHS Aberdeen and Chehalis Community Service Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today through Wednesday.** See below for locations and contact numbers. Also the DSHS customer service **1-877-980-9180** number will be open until 8:00 p.m. We expect most of the applications to go through the Aberdeen and Chehalis offices, but **if someone was displaced by the flood and is now living elsewhere, they can apply through the CSO closest to them.**

Persons served through the regular Food Stamp program can have benefits **replaced** up to the amount they were authorized in December. In addition, if their food losses exceeded that amount, they can have their losses **supplemented** (under the Disaster Program) up to the maximum benefit level for a family their size.

### **OFFICE LOCATIONS**

#### **GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY: ABERDEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE**

415 W. Wishkah - Aberdeen, WA 98520

**(The office is the red brick building just before the Red Lion Inn).**

**CSO Phone Numbers: You can call these numbers for general information or to be connected to other office staff.**

- Main switchboard number: (360) 537-2600
- Toll free number: (800) 548-2353
- TTY number: (360) 533-9439
- The Answer Phone: (877) 980-9220
- Fax number: (360) 533-9795 (Include the name of the person you want the fax information to go to. Also include your client ID number.)

#### **LEWIS COUNTY: CHEHALIS COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE**

151 NE Hampe Way, Chehalis, WA 98532

**(The office is located at the Lewis County Mall).**

**CSO Phone Numbers:**

**You can call these numbers for general information or to be connected to other office staff.**

- Main switchboard number: (360) 740-3800
- Toll free number: (877) 980-9180
- TTY number: (360) 748-2351
- The Answer Phone: (877) 980-9220
- Fax number: (360) 748-2350 (Include the name of the person you want the fax information to go to. Also include your client ID number.)