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Food Stamps (SNAP)

Can I get a replacement of SNAP benefits used on food that was lost as a result of the disaster?

If you are a current SNAP recipient and you lost food as a result of Hurricane Helene and/or power outage lasting more than four (4) hours, you can apply for a replacement of your SNAP benefits in person or by emailing the required information to your local county DSS office (go to <https://dss.sc.gov/contact-dss> for a listing of DSS County Office email addresses). You can download and complete an Affidavit of Loss Due To A Household Misfortune (DSS Form 1634B) from the SC Department of Social Services website – <https://dss.sc.gov>. In addition to the DSS Form 1634B, you must provide some form of verification to substantiate that your home was in the affected area.

Types of verification include:

- Newspaper Article
- Letter from the Red Cross or a Food Bank
- Website Printout Showing Outage or Loss (Examples: News website or power company notification of account outage)
- Letter from an Insurance Company
- Letter from the Electric Company
- Letter from a Landlord

SNAP households have until October 26, 2024, to report food loss resulting from Hurricane Helene.

Can I receive Disaster SNAP benefits?

The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) provides short-term food assistance to low-income households with food loss or damage caused by a natural disaster.

Before D-SNAP can be made available in a disaster area, the state must receive an Individual Assistance declaration from the President of the United States and approval from the United States Department of Agriculture.



Legal Aid Disaster
Resource Center

LADRC.org

If you qualify, you will receive funds to help meet your food needs for 30 days.

You will receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card with the money on it. The card works like a debit card and can be used at most grocery stores.

Disaster SNAP has different standards than normal SNAP. Once a disaster has been declared you have to file an application.

Even if you would not normally qualify for SNAP, you may qualify for D-SNAP if you had one of the following disaster-related expenses:

- Home or business repairs
- Temporary shelter expenses
- Evacuation or relocation expenses
- Disaster-related personal injury, including funeral expenses
- Lost or no access to income due to the disaster, including reduced, terminated, or delayed receipt of income, for a large part of the benefit period
- In some cases, food loss after a disaster like flooding or power outages.

These applications usually have an acceptance period of about 7 days after the disaster.

South Carolina Legal Services – Apply for services by calling 1-888-346-5592 or online at www.lawhelp.org/sc/online-intake– www.scllegal.org

