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***DISASTER FOOD  
STAMPS  
(OR D-SNAP)***

**What you must know if  
you have suffered a  
natural disaster**

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## **I have suffered loss of income or property as a result of a disaster, am I entitled to D-SNAP?**

D-SNAP is Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. These are emergency food stamps for persons and families affected by a natural disaster such as a hurricane. These benefits are made available to persons living in an area that has been declared a disaster area by the federal government.

Households not normally eligible for SNAP may qualify for help under D-SNAP as a result of disaster-related expenses, such as loss of income, damage to property, relocation expenses and, in some cases, loss of food due to power outages.

## **How do I apply for D-SNAP?**

D-SNAP can be applied for at DSS which provides a simplified application. The benefits should be issued within 72 hours.

## **I was getting SNAP before the disaster, would my benefits be affected?**

If your monthly SNAP benefits are less than the maximum allowed, you could qualify for getting more SNAP benefits. Your benefits could be increased to bring you up to the monthly maximum if you have suffered loss as a result of a natural disaster.

You should apply for D-SNAP at your local DSS office. You can also apply online at [www.dss.sc.gov](http://www.dss.sc.gov)



## **I tried to get D-SNAP but have been denied or not allowed to apply, what can I do?**

You have appeal rights whenever the state acts to deprive you of food stamps. This means that if you receive a notice that your food stamp benefits will be reduced or ended, you have a right to appeal. Also, if you try to get food stamps and are denied or your application is not even processed, you have a right to appeal.

You should appeal by submitting a request for a fair hearing in writing to your local DSS office within ninety (90) days of the date of your benefit denial notice. You should always keep a copy of your appeal for your records.

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