

DISASTER FOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

In Florida, the
number to call for
more information:



(850)300-4323

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QUALIFYING FOR DSNAP

To qualify for DSNAP, households living in the disaster area must meet at least one of the following conditions:



Damage or destruction of the home or self-employment business.



Disaster-related expenses such as food loss, home repairs, temporary shelter expenses, evacuation expenses, purchases made to protect the home or business, and disaster-related personal injury including funeral expenses.



Lost or inaccessible income or a delay in receiving income during the benefit period.



The applicant must be able to prove their identity, but applicants are not required to provide Social Security numbers, and citizenship or immigration status does not affect eligibility.



APPLYING FOR DSNAP

After a Presidentially declared disaster 4 types of food assistance may be available in the counties affected by the disaster.

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Disaster SNAP is also known as DSNAP

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Replacement SNAP

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Supplemental SNAP

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Expedited SNAP

Applying for Disaster SNAP – If a Disaster SNAP program is authorized, call **850-300-4323** to find out where and how to apply or contact the local Disaster Recovery Center.

If approved for D-SNAP, the applicant will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. An EBT card will work like a debit card but can only be used to buy food at grocery stores or markets that accept EBT cards.

OTHER ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT SNAP CUSTOMERS AFTER A DISASTER:

- **Replacement Benefits:** Current SNAP customers can get replacement benefits for food purchases made with SNAP benefits that were destroyed or ruined/spoiled due to a disaster. Households are required to report the loss within 10 days of destruction though the 10-day rule may be forgiven. Applicants usually get the maximum allotment for a family of their size. Replacement SNAP is sometimes automatically authorized for all SNAP recipients in the disaster-designated area.
- **Supplemental SNAP:** When there is a D-SNAP program available, current SNAP recipients may receive a supplement that will increase their benefit to the maximum amount for their household size for one month. If the household is already receiving the maximum benefit, they will not get additional funds added to their EBT card.
- **Expedited SNAP:** Expedited SNAP is not limited to a post-disaster situation. An applicant not currently on SNAP who is very needy with a bad financial situation may be eligible for expedited food assistance. Expedited SNAP is given 7 days after the application is received.