

Food Benefits after Disaster

HURRICANE HARVEY

D-SNAP Approved for Harvey– People in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey can apply for food benefits through the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP). Like regular SNAP (formerly food stamps) it helps individuals and families to buy food and groceries, but offers faster access and additional food assistance following a disaster.

- D-SNAP benefits are issued within 72 hours,
- D-SNAP is available to households not normally eligible for SNAP a result of their disaster related expenses, including lost income, property damage, expenses due to relocation, and loss of food due to power outages.
- Eligible households receive one month of benefits equal to the maximum amount they would normally receive under SNAP.
- Like regular SNAP, D-SNAP benefits are issued through the Lone Star card that can be used to purchase food at most grocery stores.
- Under D-SNAP, ongoing SNAP clients can also receive disaster food assistance.

To apply: Call 877-541-7905, dial 2-1-1, or visit **Your Texas Benefits**.

Free meals for all students in HISD. All students in the Houston Independent School District will be eligible for three free meals a day during the 2017-18 school year without the need to apply.

SNAP for Hot Food – Through Sept. 30, 2017, all SNAP program recipients can use the Lone Star card to buy hot food (such as rotisserie chicken) and other prepared foods from the deli section of stores that accept the Lone Star Card.

S-SNAP - Households with disaster losses whose SNAP benefits are less than the monthly maximum can request a supplement (S-SNAP). The supplement brings their benefits up to the maximum SNAP benefit allowed for their household size. This is to equalize D-SNAP households with SNAP households receiving disaster assistance.

Lost Cards. If you lost your Lone Star Card because of Hurricane Harvey, find the closest open office by calling 2-1-1 and select option 2, or call the Lone Star Help Desk 800-777-7328 to have one mailed to you.

Food and WIC Replacement - If you lost food you bought with SNAP because of Hurricane Harvey, you can have them replaced. Call 2-1-1 to find the nearest open office and complete **Form H1855, Affidavit for Nonreceipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits**. Renew SNAP food benefits at **Your Texas Benefits** or call 2-1-1 and select option 2. For WIC replacement benefits, call 2-1-1 or 800-942-3678, or go to TexasWIC.org.

Medicaid Clients If you forgot or lost your medication, you can get it replaced if your pharmacist approves. If you are on dialysis and need help finding a provider, call 866.407.ESRD for help.

Food Banks in Harvey-Afflicted Areas. Click on your area.

Houston Food Bank

Galveston Food Bank

Food Bank of the Golden Crescent (Victoria)

Corpus Christi Food Bank

Southeast Texas Food Bank (Beaumont)

Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley (Pharr)

Brazos Valley Food Bank (Bryan)

Central Texas Food Bank (Austin)

San Antonio Food Bank

For a searchable list of food banks, soup kitchens, and non-profit organizations providing food assistance, go to [Food Pantries.org](http://FoodPantries.org).