

SNAP Benefits During the Federal Government Shutdown

State-by-State Update as of Late October 2025

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Introduction

In October 2025, a federal government shutdown halted funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), jeopardizing November food assistance for approximately 42 million Americans^[1]. SNAP is entirely federally funded, so no U.S. state can issue November 2025 benefits until Congress restores funding^[2]. States have been informing residents that **October benefits were delivered normally**, but **November benefits will be delayed or suspended** if the shutdown continues^{[3][4]}. This report compiles **state-by-state updates** on SNAP operations, including guidance for recipients, any emergency measures, and links to official state resources. It is organized alphabetically by state, with each section outlining how the shutdown impacts SNAP in that jurisdiction. Affected households are universally **urged to use any remaining EBT balance** for groceries and to **seek local food banks or 2-1-1 help lines** for interim assistance^{[5][6]}. Some states have explored **stopgap measures** for example, *Louisiana*, *Vermont*, and *Virginia* signaled intent to temporarily fund SNAP benefits with state resources^{[7][8]} but federal officials warned that such state-issued benefits **would not be reimbursed**^{[9][10]}. Instead, many states are bolstering support for food banks and emergency food programs (e.g. *California* deployed the National Guard and \$80 million to food banks^[11], *New York* fast-tracked \$30 million for food pantries^{[12][13]}). The following sections detail each state's SNAP status and guidance during the shutdown, along with links to official SNAP websites or updates.

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Alabama

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Alabama's Department of Human Resources confirmed that **no November 2025 SNAP benefits will be paid out** if the federal shutdown continues. All **SNAP disbursements are suspended effective November 1** without federal funding[14]. (October benefits were issued as usual in the prior month.)
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any SNAP funds already loaded onto EBT cards (the *Alabama EBT* card) remain accessible. However, state officials have advised recipients to **use their October benefits to purchase nonperishable food before November**, out of caution that new funds won't arrive[15].
- **Other Programs:** Alabama's Medicaid and TANF benefits are **not impacted** by the federal shutdown and continue normally. WIC nutrition benefits were **initially expected to continue**, but prolonged funding lapses could affect WIC after early November (the state is monitoring this).
- **Official Guidance:** Alabama DHR is directing SNAP recipients to **continue any required reporting or renewals** on schedule so that cases stay eligible when funding resumes. For food assistance during the gap, households can call **2-1-1** to connect with local food banks and charities.
- **Official Resource:** *Alabama DHR – Food Assistance Division: [News Update on SNAP and Shutdown](#)* (check DHR announcements for the October 2025 shutdown FAQ).

Alaska

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Alaska will **not issue November SNAP benefits** unless federal funds are provided. The Alaska Division of Public Assistance has alerted families that November benefits are on hold due to the lapse in federal appropriations.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Alaskans can **continue using any SNAP balance remaining on their Alaska Quest EBT cards** from previous months to buy food. Those funds will stay on the card and *do not expire at month's end*, even if no new benefits are added[16].
- **State Guidance:** The state urges SNAP participants to **budget and stretch their existing benefits** for use in November, given the uncertainty. Residents in need are encouraged to reach out to community resources, including tribal food distribution programs and local food banks, especially in remote areas.
- **Other Programs:** Medicaid, Alaska Temporary Assistance (cash), and WIC are not immediately affected by the shutdown. WIC clinics remain open and issuing vouchers as long as separate funding lasts.
- **Official Resource:** *Alaska DHSS – Public Assistance: [Alaska SNAP Program Page](#)* (for updates and contact information on SNAP during the shutdown).

Arizona

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Arizona's Department of Economic Security (DES) announced it **will suspend SNAP payments in November** if the shutdown persists. No November 2025 benefits will be loaded to Arizona EBT cards until federal appropriations are in place[17][18].
- **State Warnings:** Arizona proactively warned SNAP recipients to prepare for a **complete halt of benefits starting November 1**, advising them to **use any remaining October benefits** and to identify alternative food resources in the community[19][20].
- **Use of Existing Funds:** Any SNAP dollars already on Arizona EBT cards (from October or earlier months) remain available for use in grocery stores and farmers' markets. DES confirmed these existing funds **will not be removed** due to the shutdown[21].
- **Emergency Measures:** State officials and nonprofits in Arizona are bracing for increased demand at food banks. The state has not announced any state-funded SNAP replacement, but **food banks in Arizona are gearing up** to assist families through November if federal aid is paused.
- **Official Resource:** *Arizona DES – Nutrition Assistance:* [Arizona SNAP Shutdown FAQs](#) (for official announcements and updates on benefit issuance).

Arkansas

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Arkansas will **pause all SNAP benefit issuance for November 2025** unless the federal shutdown ends. The Arkansas Department of Human Services communicated that without federal funds, it cannot load November benefits for any SNAP participants.
- **State Advice:** Uniquely, **Arkansas officials urged SNAP recipients to use their October benefits by the end of October** to stock up on shelf-stable foods[15]. This guidance was given out of caution, initially uncertain if EBT cards would function after Nov. 1. (In reality, cards will still work for prior balances, but no new funds will be added.)
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any SNAP money already on Arkansas EBT cards remains usable in November for eligible food purchases. The state has since clarified that **unspent benefits will carry over** on the card and can be spent normally, even during the shutdown[15].
- **Other Assistance:** Arkansas encourages families to leverage the state's network of food pantries, church kitchens, and the **Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance** resources. Clients should also keep submitting SNAP applications or renewals as usual so they are ready when funding returns.
- **Official Resource:** *Arkansas DHS – SNAP:* [Arkansas Food Assistance Updates](#) (for any notices related to federal funding impacts).

California

- **November SNAP Issuance:** California (CalFresh) benefits for November **will be delayed** due to the federal shutdown. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) notified CalFresh recipients that **no November allotments can be issued on schedule** because USDA has not provided funding[22]. Funding was available through October, but November CalFresh is on hold until the government reopens[22].
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Households can **continue to use any CalFresh balance on their EBT cards** in November. “As of now, you will be able to use your EBT card with your existing benefits as usual through the shutdown,” CDSS assured recipients[23]. Previously issued benefits remain available for up to a year.
- **Continuing Requirements:** Californians must still **submit their SAR 7 reports and recertifications** on time. Counties are processing paperwork, though some processing may be delayed by the shutdown[24]. New applications are being accepted online, by phone, and in person; they will be processed, but **approved cases won’t receive benefits until federal funds resume**[25].
- **State Response:** *Governor Gavin Newsom* announced extraordinary steps to help families during this gap: he **deployed the National Guard to support food banks** and is quickly directing **\$80 million in state funds to food banks and pantries**[11]. This is to mitigate the hunger impact while CalFresh is suspended. CalWORKs (state TANF) benefits for November are **expected to be paid** using state funds, though a prolonged shutdown could threaten December CalWORKs issuance[26].
- **Official Resource:** *California DSS – CalFresh Shutdown FAQ: CalFresh November Benefits FAQ (2025)*[22][27].

Colorado

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Colorado’s Department of Human Services has advised that **November SNAP benefits will not be issued** as scheduled if the shutdown continues into the new month. Regular issuance will resume only when Congress passes a funding bill.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Coloradans can **use any SNAP benefits already on their EBT cards** in November. Those funds remain available for up to 9 months as long as the card is used occasionally. The state recommends budgeting these existing benefits to last as long as possible.
- **Public Guidance:** Colorado is communicating updates via its **SNAP outreach partners and county human service offices**. Clients should continue to report changes, complete recertifications, and *apply for benefits normally* so that no one falls out of the program due to paperwork issues.
- **Local Support:** The state highlighted resources like the **Food Resource Hotline (855-855-4626)** and **211 Colorado** to help people locate food pantries, meal sites, or WIC clinics during the SNAP funding lapse.

- **Official Resource:** *Colorado SNAP (Food Assistance) Program:* [Colorado PEAK – SNAP Information](#) (PEAK is the online portal; check “Announcements” on PEAK or CDHS sites for shutdown-related messages).

Connecticut

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Connecticut has warned that it **cannot issue November SNAP benefits** amid the federal shutdown. The Department of Social Services (DSS) announced that unless federal funding is restored, **no November 2025 benefits will load to EBT cards** on their usual dates.
- **State Response:** In anticipation of the shortfall, Governor Ned Lamont and DSS are **allocating additional state funds to Connecticut food banks and community meal programs**[\[12\]](#). This aims to help cover the increased demand if SNAP benefits are delayed. Connecticut is among states boosting emergency food assistance, alongside others like NY and MN[\[28\]](#).
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any unspent SNAP benefits on Connecticut EBT (Connect Card) can still be used. DSS clarified that the **shutdown does not affect the use of benefits already issued**, only the distribution of new monthly allotments.
- **Guidance for Recipients:** Connecticut SNAP recipients are advised to **keep checking DSS updates**, continue to file any interim reports or renewals, and call 2-1-1 or visit *CT Foodshare* for help finding food resources. The state has also set up an FAQ on its website about the shutdown impacts on benefit programs.
- **Official Resource:** *Connecticut DSS – SNAP Benefits Update:* [CT DSS – Federal Shutdown Impact on Benefits](#) (for official notices and FAQs).

Delaware

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) announced that **November 2025 SNAP benefits are on hold** due to the federal shutdown[\[29\]](#). No new benefits will be added to Delaware EBT cards starting Nov. 1 unless federal appropriations resume.
- **State Communication:** The DHSS Division of Social Services posted a “**SNAP Alert**” to notify clients that November benefits are paused[\[29\]](#). Delaware is echoing USDA’s guidance that states have been directed *not* to transmit November benefit files to the EBT system.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Delaware SNAP recipients can **continue using benefits loaded prior to Oct. 31**. The state reassures that if you have an existing balance on your **Delaware Food First** card, those funds remain available after November 1[\[30\]](#)[\[31\]](#). (Households are encouraged to check their EBT account balance before shopping to know what funds remain.)
- **Other Notes:** November also brings changes to SNAP work requirements (as a previously scheduled federal policy change), and Delaware is implementing those rules. Able-bodied adults without dependents will still need to meet work requirements unless exempt, despite the shutdown.

- **Official Resource:** *Delaware DHSS – SNAP Program:* [Delaware SNAP November 2025 Alert](#) (official announcement page) and [Delaware SNAP Home](#) for general info.

Florida

- **November SNAP Issuance:** The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) has confirmed that **no November 2025 SNAP benefits will be issued** while the federal government remains shut down[32]. If the shutdown continues into November, Floridians will not receive their regular monthly benefit until funding is restored.
- **State Message:** DCF's public notice explains that you **may receive an approval notice for November**, but **no benefits will actually be deposited** to EBT accounts until the federal shutdown ends[33][34]. Florida began notifying roughly 3 million SNAP recipients of this situation in mid-October.
- **October & Existing Benefits:** **October 2025 SNAP benefits were issued on schedule** and are not impacted[35]. Any SNAP funds already on your Florida EBT (**ACCESS Florida**) card remain available for use; DCF emphasizes that current EBT balances can still be spent in November for groceries[36]. (Clients can check their balance anytime via *ebtEDGE*[37].)
- **Applications & Renewals:** Floridians **should not reapply** if they've already applied or renewed – DCF is continuing to process all applications and recertifications during the shutdown[38][39]. You should **submit renewals on time**; you might receive an eligibility notice for November, but no benefits can be loaded until federal funding resumes[40]. Once funds are available, Florida will promptly issue the delayed benefits.
- **Other Programs:** Florida DCF noted that Medicaid and Temporary Cash Assistance programs are **not impacted** by the federal shutdown at this time[41]. Those benefits will continue without interruption.
- **Official Resource:** *Florida DCF – SNAP Shutdown Updates:* [November 2025 SNAP Benefits Notice – Florida DCF](#)[32][42].

Georgia

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Georgia's Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) has informed SNAP recipients that **November benefits will not be available** if the shutdown persists. No new SNAP deposits will be made to Georgia EBT cards in early November unless Congress authorizes funding.
- **State Preparations:** DFCS is working with the Georgia Food Bank Association and other partners to prepare for increased need. The state has urged recipients to **plan for the possibility of zero SNAP benefits in November** by utilizing other resources and any remaining EBT balance.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Georgians can still use any SNAP benefits already loaded on their **Georgia EBT Peach Card**. Those funds remain valid; DFCS

suggests conserving benefits and buying staples that can stretch into the month ahead.

- **Public Communication:** Georgia DFCS has been sending out notices and posting on social media to raise awareness of the situation. They emphasize that **SNAP applications will still be accepted and processed**, so people should continue to apply or renew on schedule to avoid losing eligibility when funding returns.
- **Official Resource:** *Georgia DFCS – SNAP Program:* [Georgia DFCS Announcements](#) (check for “SNAP and Government Shutdown” news) and the toll-free customer contact (877-423-4746) for updates.

Hawaii

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Hawai'i's Department of Human Services (DHS) announced a **temporary suspension of November 2025 SNAP benefit issuances** due to the federal shutdown[43]. Starting November 1, no new SNAP allotments will be provided until sufficient federal funding is appropriated or new guidance is issued[43].
- **Federal Directive:** USDA's Food and Nutrition Service formally notified states (per 7 CFR 271.7(b)) that **all November SNAP allotments are suspended effective Nov. 1, 2025**[43]. Hawai'i DHS is required to implement this suspension and has notified all affected households.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Importantly, **households may continue redeeming any SNAP benefits issued before Nov. 1**. The suspension **does not impact use of previously loaded benefits** – EBT cards will still work at authorized retailers for any carryover balance[16][44].
- **State Support:** Governor Josh Green emphasized supporting those impacted “with urgency and aloha.” Hawai'i DHS will roll out a new **Hawai'i Relief Program** (announced to launch Oct. 29, 2025) to provide eligible families with dependent children a one-time payment for housing and utilities[45]. This state relief is meant to help ease financial pressures during the SNAP interruption.
- **Eligibility & Retroactive Issuance:** **SNAP eligibility is not affected** by the funding lapse – households remain enrolled and new applicants can still be approved[44]. Certification periods continue as normal. Once federal funding is restored, **retroactive SNAP benefits for November will be issued** to cover the missed allotments[46]. (For those approved after Oct. 15, only a prorated October benefit was issued; the November portion will come later[47].)
- **Food Resources:** DHS has provided links to **SNAP outreach providers** and the **Aloha United Way 2-1-1** service for referrals to local food resources[48]. Community non-profits statewide are prepared to assist households during the gap.
- **Official Resource:** *Hawai'i DHS – Shutdown Guidance:* [Hawai'i DHS News Release on SNAP Suspension](#)[43][49].

Idaho

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Idaho will **delay or suspend SNAP disbursements for November** if the shutdown remains in effect. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) has indicated that without federal funding, November benefits cannot be loaded to participant EBT cards.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Idaho SNAP recipients (TANF and SNAP are on the **Quest Card** in Idaho) can still spend any benefits already on their card from prior months. Those funds stay available; IDHW advises families to budget carefully and use existing benefits to buy essential groceries for the coming weeks.
- **Local Coordination:** Idaho is coordinating with the Idaho Foodbank and community action agencies to support families during the hiatus. Residents can call 2-1-1 or visit the **Idaho CareLine** for referrals to food pantries, soup kitchens, and other emergency food assistance programs statewide.
- **Continuing Services:** IDHW will continue to accept and process SNAP applications and recertifications. Clients are encouraged to continue **fulfilling work requirements or other program obligations** as usual to ensure they remain eligible once benefits resume.
- **Official Resource:** *Idaho DHW – Food Stamps (SNAP):* [Idaho SNAP Updates](#) (for any press releases or alerts regarding the shutdown).

Illinois

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Illinois officials announced that **1.9 million Illinoisans (about 1 million households) will not receive November SNAP benefits** if the federal shutdown continues^[50]. On October 10, USDA notified all states it would not fund November SNAP, meaning no new benefits can be issued starting November 1^[50]. Illinois expects **zero SNAP payouts in November unless the government reopens**.
- **State Impact:** Illinois distributes over \$350 million in SNAP benefits monthly, and the state **cannot cover this cost** without federal funds^[51]. “If SNAP funds are not delivered by the federal government, the State of Illinois does not have the budgetary ability to backfill these critical resources,” the Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) stated^[51]. In other words, the state cannot independently pay November benefits.
- **SNAP as Lifeline:** IDHS underscored how vital SNAP is to 1.9 million individuals in Illinois – including seniors (37% of SNAP households), children (45%), and people with disabilities (44%)^[52]. Illinois’ leadership urged federal action: “*The federal government needs to ensure families receive their benefits on November 1, so their livelihoods are not disrupted,*” said IDHS Secretary Dulce Quintero^[53]. Retailers also warned that losing SNAP dollars will hurt communities’ access to food^[54].
- **Communication:** IDHS is keeping customers informed via its website, text messages, and mailed notices^[55]. Households have been told to **continue using any remaining benefits on their Illinois Link EBT cards** and to reach

out to food banks or call 2-1-1 for help during the gap. Once federal funding is passed, Illinois will immediately distribute the delayed benefits.

- **Other Programs:** Illinois confirmed Medicaid and cash assistance (TANF) are not interrupted by the federal shutdown at this point. The new SNAP work requirements scheduled to begin Nov. 1 will still take effect despite the pause in benefits[56][57] – meaning some individuals must still report work activities to remain eligible, even though payments are delayed.
- **Official Resource:** *Illinois IDHS – SNAP Shutdown Update:* [IDHS Press Release, Oct 16, 2025](#)[50][51].

Indiana

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has alerted SNAP recipients that **November benefits will not be issued as scheduled** if the federal shutdown continues. Indiana will pause all SNAP disbursements starting Nov. 1 until federal funds are available.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Hoosier families can still use any SNAP benefits already on their **Hoosier Works EBT** cards from October or prior. Those funds remain accessible; FSSA encourages households to check their EBT balance and use those dollars to buy needed food, especially durable items that can last.
- **State Actions:** Indiana is working through its food assistance network (including food banks, pantries, and the faith community) to fill the gap. The state has not announced any ability to pay SNAP benefits itself, so it focuses on connecting people with charitable food aid and ensuring SNAP cases stay open.
- **Ongoing Eligibility:** FSSA continues to process applications and renewals for SNAP. Clients should still turn in any required documents and comply with program rules (such as reporting income changes or work requirements) to avoid case closures, even though benefits are temporarily halted.
- **Official Resource:** *Indiana FSSA – DFR (SNAP):* [Indiana FSSA Announcements](#) (for any statements on SNAP and the shutdown; includes contact info for local offices).

Iowa

- **November SNAP Issuance:** The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services has stated that it **cannot issue SNAP benefits for November 2025** if the shutdown persists. Iowa HHS is following federal instructions to delay November SNAP issuances until further notice.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Iowa SNAP recipients can use any remaining benefits on their EBT cards (*Iowa EBT*) in November. Those funds will not be affected by the shutdown; Iowa HHS clarified that only new benefits are on hold, not past distributions.
- **Community Guidance:** Iowa is advising recipients to seek help from the **Iowa Food Bank Association's network** and to dial **2-1-1** for referrals to local

emergency food providers. Many Iowa food pantries are gearing up for increased demand in November if SNAP isn't restored quickly.

- **Public Updates:** Iowa HHS is providing updates via its website and through media. They emphasize that SNAP is fully federally funded, and Iowa lacks authority to pay benefits without federal dollars. The department is “hopeful for a swift resolution in Washington” but preparing to support Iowans in the interim.
- **Official Resource:** *Iowa HHS – Food Assistance:* [Iowa SNAP Information](#) (check for news or press releases regarding federal shutdown impacts on benefits).

Kansas

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Kansas will **suspend SNAP benefit issuance in November** if the federal shutdown continues. The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has notified households that no November food assistance will be loaded to Kansas EBT cards unless Congress enacts a budget.
- **State Advisory:** DCF has recommended that Kansas SNAP recipients **use their October benefits wisely and seek assistance from local resources**. They explicitly advise recipients to ensure they have some food stocked up, given that the normal November benefit will be delayed.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any benefits already on the **Kansas Vision Card (EBT)** remain available. DCF confirmed that the EBT system will continue to function for existing balances; only new deposits are paused. Recipients should continue to keep their PIN secure and monitor their balances (via the ebtEDGE app or hotline).
- **Support for Families:** Kansas is coordinating with community organizations to provide support. For example, *Harvesters – The Community Food Network* and other regional food banks are ready to assist. The state also highlighted that school meal programs and other nutrition programs might serve as important resources during this period.
- **Official Resource:** *Kansas DCF – Food Assistance:* [Kansas DCF – Announcements](#) (for any official press release on the SNAP pause; includes program info and updates).

Kentucky

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services has indicated that **November SNAP benefits will be delayed** due to the federal shutdown. No SNAP disbursements will occur in Kentucky for the month of November until federal funding is restored.
- **Public Notice:** Kentucky's DCBS (Dept. for Community Based Services) issued notices to SNAP households explaining the situation: October benefits were provided normally, but **November benefits cannot be loaded and will be \$0**

until Congress ends the shutdown. The notice encourages families to plan accordingly.

- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any leftover SNAP benefits on Kentucky EBT cards (**KY EBT**) can still be used to buy food. Kentucky has reassured recipients that previously issued benefits remain on the card and *will not be taken away*. Households are urged to budget these remaining benefits carefully.
- **Community Resources:** The state is pointing residents to charities and **food banks like God's Pantry and Dare to Care** in various regions. Kentucky also runs a **SNAP Nutrition Education program** that is pivoting to help families maximize their food resources (e.g. providing tips on stretching meals).
- **Official Resource:** *Kentucky CHFS – SNAP:* [KY SNAP Benefits Info](#) (contact your local DCBS office for the official notice; CHFS may post updates on its news page as well).

Louisiana

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Louisiana has taken the unusual step of **attempting to continue SNAP benefits in November using state funds**, given the federal shutdown. The state legislature's Joint Budget Committee unanimously approved a plan urging the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) to use **\$150 million of state funds** to avert an interruption in November SNAP payments[58]. Governor Jeff Landry has called this a top priority and signaled support[58].
- **State Plan:** If implemented, Louisiana would effectively front the money for November benefits to nearly 800,000 residents, despite USDA's stance that states won't be reimbursed[9][10]. As of late October, this plan awaits final authorization, and Louisiana is coordinating with EBT vendors on feasibility. **If the state can legally and logistically do so, Louisiana SNAP recipients *may* still receive a November allotment on time**, funded by the state. However, this is contingent on state authorities resolving logistical challenges (USDA must allow states to issue benefits on their own).
- **Contingency Messaging:** DCFS is simultaneously preparing for the possibility that state funds cannot cover SNAP or if the federal shutdown continues beyond November. In such case, Louisiana would also have no choice but to suspend benefits. DCFS has notified clients of the potential halt, advising them to use existing benefits and identify other food resources as a backup plan.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any benefits already on Louisiana Purchase EBT cards remain available for use. DCFS encourages families to check their balances and use October benefits to stock up on food. The **2-1-1** helpline and **Food Bank of Louisiana** are available for emergency food needs.
- **Official Resource:** *Louisiana DCFS – SNAP Updates:* [DCFS Press Release on SNAP during Shutdown](#) (look for October 2025 announcements on SNAP). **Note:** Louisiana's approach is evolving; residents should monitor DCFS communications closely for final decisions on November issuances.

Maine

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Maine will be **unable to issue November SNAP benefits** during the federal shutdown. The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has informed SNAP recipients that benefits set for early November will not be loaded unless Congress restores funding.
- **Local Impact:** With roughly 165,000 Maine residents on SNAP, the halt has significant impact. DHHS has publicly shared stories of families bracing for tough choices (e.g., a single mother in Maine told media she will prioritize buying food over paying some bills if benefits lapse[59]). This underscores the urgency in Maine communities.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Maine EBT (**Pine Tree Card**) balances from prior months remain accessible. DHHS advises households to use these existing SNAP benefits to buy food and consider stretching them by purchasing low-cost, filling staples.
- **Community Support:** Maine is fortunate to have a strong network of local food pantries and meal sites, often community-run. DHHS is directing people to resources like the **Good Shepherd Food Bank** and community action agencies. Additionally, many schools and some childcare centers in Maine offer meals that could help cover nutritional needs for children during this period.
- **Official Resource:** *Maine DHHS – Office for Family Independence:* [Maine SNAP \(Food Supplement\) Info](#) (check for updates on how the shutdown is affecting benefits; Maine DHHS may post FAQs or news releases on this page).

Maryland

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Maryland's Department of Human Services has stated that **no November SNAP benefits will be available** if the federal shutdown continues into the month. Maryland DHS cannot distribute benefits without federal funds, so November issuance is on hold pending congressional action.
- **State Outreach:** Maryland began outreach to SNAP families via its **text alert system and social media** in October to warn of the possible interruption. They have emphasized that October benefits were provided normally, but November is uncertain.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Maryland SNAP recipients can still use any balance on their **Independence Card (EBT)** from previous months. Maryland DHS has reassured clients that "unused benefits on your EBT card will remain available" during the shutdown[60]. No funds will be removed; only new funds aren't being added.
- **Extra Supports:** Maryland's governor and legislature are looking at emergency measures to support food banks. Additionally, Maryland is continuing its **School Meals** programs without disruption, to ensure children have at least that source of nutrition. The state's 2-1-1 helpline is prepared to connect families with local

feeding programs, and some counties have launched food distribution events anticipating the need.

- **Official Resource:** *Maryland DHS – SNAP:* [Maryland DHS Announcements](#) (for official statements on SNAP during the shutdown, as well as links to local resources).

Massachusetts

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Massachusetts will also **pause SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits in November** absent federal funding. The Mass. Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) has notified recipients that their **November 2025 benefits will not be loaded** on the usual dates if the shutdown is ongoing.
- **State Concern:** Massachusetts officials have expressed deep concern over the halt. Many vulnerable households in MA rely on an average ~\$180/month in SNAP. One Boston-area mother described “freaking out” at the news, worried about how she’ll feed her kids if benefits stop[\[61\]](#). State leaders echo that concern and are pushing for a quick federal resolution.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Massachusetts EBT (**Bay State Access Card**) will continue to work for any benefits already issued. DTA encourages clients to **use their October benefits frugally** and not assume more will come on their normal issuance date in November. Food that can be stored (canned goods, frozen items) may help families get through a gap.
- **Food Bank Support:** Governor Maura Healey’s administration is coordinating with the **Greater Boston Food Bank and regional food banks** to ramp up supplies. Massachusetts has also activated its **Mass 2-1-1** system for information on local food pantries, WIC, and other programs that can help fill the void.
- **Official Resource:** *Massachusetts DTA – SNAP Benefits:* [Mass.gov – SNAP Benefits Updates](#) (for any official guidance from DTA on the shutdown’s impact; also where to find the DTA Assistance Line information).

Michigan

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Michigan’s Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) received federal notice that **November SNAP benefits will be delayed** due to the shutdown[\[62\]](#). MDHHS has informed clients that *because of the federal funding lapse, November benefits cannot be issued on time*[\[63\]](#). Only once the shutdown ends and USDA authorizes funds can Michigan load November SNAP benefits onto cards.
- **Scope:** This pause affects over 1.4 million Michiganders who rely on SNAP (locally known as Food Assistance)[\[64\]](#). MDHHS stated it is “deeply disappointed in this situation” and will do whatever it can to blunt the impact on Michigan residents[\[63\]\[65\]](#).
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** **If you have SNAP benefits on your EBT card from previous months, you will still be able to use those benefits**[**\[5\]](#). MDHHS

strongly encourages families to connect with 2-1-1 for food resources in their area and to use any current EBT balance to buy essential groceries[5].

- **Resumption & Retroactivity:** As soon as the federal shutdown ends and USDA permits, Michigan will **load November SNAP benefits onto EBT cards** (even if that comes mid-month or later)[66]. Households will receive their full November allotment retroactively.
- **Applications & Renewals:** Michiganders should **continue to apply for SNAP and submit redeterminations** as usual[67][68]. MDHHS is still processing cases to ensure people remain eligible. Work requirements (which were set to expand in November under federal law) and other rules still apply, even though benefits are temporarily paused.
- **Official Resource:** *Michigan MDHHS – SNAP FAQ:* [MDHHS November SNAP Benefits FAQ](#)[62][63].

Minnesota

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Minnesota's Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) has confirmed that **November SNAP benefits (and the food portion of Minnesota's MFIP assistance) will not be issued** until the federal shutdown ends[69][70]. October benefits were not impacted and went out as usual, but November's are suspended without federal funds.
- **Programs Affected:** This includes **SNAP and the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) food benefits**. While MFIP's cash assistance portion will still be paid normally, the MFIP food assistance (which is funded through SNAP) is on hold just like regular SNAP[71][72].
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** DCYF reassured families that any SNAP benefits already on their EBT cards **can continue to be used normally** into November[73]. "October benefits are not affected — you can keep using them for now," the agency noted[74]. Your EBT balance will remain available while we wait for federal operations to resume.
- **Applications & Processing:** Minnesotans should **continue to apply for SNAP**; counties and tribal nations are still reviewing and processing applications during the shutdown[75]. Submitting an application now means your case can be approved (even if no benefits can be issued immediately) so that you're ready to receive aid as soon as funding is restored[76]. Similarly, participants should keep their contact information updated and continue to submit any required forms on time[77].
- **Finding Help:** Minnesota encourages those in need to use its extensive network of **300+ food shelves and meal programs**. DCYF's site links to **Hunger Solutions' map** for finding local food shelves[78]. The **Minnesota Food HelpLine (1-888-711-1151)** is available to connect residents with food resources. WIC and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program in Minnesota are continuing to operate, and Head Start programs have been allowed to use state funds to stay open during federal delays[79].

- **Official Resource:** *Minnesota DCYF – Federal Shutdown Information:* [MN DCYF – Shutdown and SNAP Updates](#)^[69]^[70].

Mississippi

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Mississippi will **delay November SNAP benefits** as a result of the federal shutdown. The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) has communicated that no November 2025 benefits will be loaded to EBT cards unless and until federal funding is available.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Mississippi SNAP recipients can use benefits already on their **Mississippi EBT Card** (the Magnolia card). Those existing funds remain on the card; MDHS advises recipients to make them count by purchasing staple foods that can help carry their household through a potential gap.
- **Public Outreach:** MDHS is leveraging its outreach partners (like Mississippi Food Network and MSU Extension) to spread the word and offer assistance. They emphasize that while **SNAP is paused**, programs like **WIC, school meals, and Meals on Wheels for seniors are still running** for now and can provide some nutrition support.
- **Continuing Operations:** MDHS continues to accept new SNAP applications and handle renewals. They have urged Mississippians not to neglect sending in any required paperwork, even though benefits are temporarily halted – this will ensure they remain eligible when the program funding returns.
- **Official Resource:** *Mississippi DHS – Economic Assistance:* [MDHS SNAP Program Info](#) (for any bulletins on the shutdown; MDHS customer service can also provide updates at 800-948-3050).

Missouri

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Missouri's Department of Social Services (DSS) has confirmed that **no SNAP benefits will be issued in Missouri for November 2025** unless the federal shutdown ends. Missouri has been **planning for a suspension of benefits** starting November 1 and informed recipients accordingly^[15].
- **State Advice:** Missouri officials expect that previously loaded benefits will remain accessible, and they have been **telling SNAP households to conserve some of their October benefits for use in November if possible**^[15]. In other words, DSS advised recipients to try to save any remaining benefits at October's end to help get through the potential gap.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any SNAP funds on Missouri EBT cards (**Missouri EBT Card**) can still be used in November. Missouri DSS has reiterated that EBT cards will continue to function and that **unused benefits will carry over**; they will not disappear due to the shutdown. The pause only affects adding new benefits.
- **Emergency Resources:** Missouri is coordinating with local food banks (like the St. Louis Area Foodbank and Harvesters in Kansas City) to handle increased

need. The **United Way 2-1-1 of Missouri** is available to connect individuals with food pantries, free meal sites, and other support.

- **Official Resource:** *Missouri DSS – Family Support Division:* [Missouri FSD – SNAP Updates](#) (for official guidance and a FAQ about the shutdown’s impact on SNAP).

Montana

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Montana will **hold off on issuing November SNAP benefits** due to the federal shutdown. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has indicated that November benefits will not be available unless federal appropriations resume.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Montana SNAP participants can use any benefits remaining on their EBT cards. DPHHS clarified that *benefits already on the card will stay there* – the shutdown does not remove previously issued aid, it only prevents new November deposits. Households should use existing benefits for food as needed.
- **State Outreach:** Given Montana’s rural expanse, DPHHS is working to spread information via local Offices of Public Assistance and tribal assistance partners. They’ve advised recipients to watch for updates and to seek help from community and tribal food programs (some reservations have separate food distribution programs that might provide temporary aid).
- **Other Programs:** Montana noted that programs like **Medicaid and TANF** are not immediately impacted by the shutdown and will continue. However, some smaller federally funded programs (like certain senior nutrition grants) could see delays if the shutdown is prolonged. The state is monitoring those as well.
- **Official Resource:** *Montana DPHHS – SNAP:* [Montana SNAP Program Info](#) (check for any announcements related to federal funding; local contacts are listed for each county).

Nebraska

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Nebraska’s Department of Health and Human Services has alerted SNAP recipients that **November benefits will be delayed** if the shutdown continues. No new SNAP benefits will be added to Nebraska EBT cards in November until Congress passes a funding measure.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Nebraskans can continue using any SNAP benefits already on their **EBT card**. Those funds remain accessible and can be spent at authorized retailers as usual. NDHHS suggests budgeting carefully and using existing benefits to purchase necessities that can last (like canned goods, pasta, peanut butter, etc.).
- **Communication:** Nebraska is communicating via its ACCESSNebraska system and notices. They advise recipients to stay informed by checking the DHHS website or calling the customer service line. Clients should also proceed with any **mid-certifications or renewals** as required, so their cases remain active.

- **Local Aid:** Nebraska's Food Bank for the Heartland and Food Bank of Lincoln, among others, are preparing for more families needing food. Many community organizations in Nebraska have stepped up efforts, and DHHS has provided a list of food pantries on its website for convenience.
- **Official Resource:** *Nebraska DHHS – Economic Assistance:* [Nebraska SNAP Information](#) (ACCESSNebraska portal for benefits, and check DHHS news releases for any “SNAP November benefits” announcements).

Nevada

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Nevada will **pause SNAP benefits for November** if the federal shutdown persists. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has indicated that November SNAP (food stamp) distributions cannot occur without federal funding.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Nevada SNAP recipients can utilize any leftover funds on their **Nevada EBT (Silver State Card)**. DHHS has clarified that while no new funds will be added for now, any amount already on the card remains available for food purchases at stores. Recipients are encouraged to check their balances and plan accordingly.
- **Public Guidance:** Nevada DHHS, along with its Welfare and Supportive Services Division, is guiding people to alternate resources. They recommend contacting **Food Bank of Northern Nevada or Three Square Food Bank (Southern NV)** for emergency food and to check if any additional state assistance (like Energy Assistance or temporary cash aid) might be available to eligible families to offset other expenses.
- **Continued Services:** Applications for SNAP can still be submitted via **Access Nevada**, and caseworkers continue to process them. Nevadans are reminded to complete any required interviews by phone and submit verification documents timely, so that once federal funding returns, benefits can be issued without further delay.
- **Official Resource:** *Nevada DHHS – Welfare (SNAP):* [Access Nevada – Announcements](#) (for any official notices about benefit delays; also NV DHHS social media for updates).

New Hampshire

- **November SNAP Issuance:** New Hampshire has prepared for a **suspension of SNAP benefits in November** due to the federal shutdown. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) informed recipients that their November SNAP allotments will not be delivered on schedule, barring a federal funding fix.
- **State Response:** Anticipating the gap, Governor Chris Sununu directed additional support to local food programs. **More funding for food pantries is being mobilized in New Hampshire** to cope with increased need^[28]. NH is among states proactively planning emergency food assistance while SNAP is unavailable.

- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any SNAP benefits already loaded on New Hampshire EBT cards (EBT is often just called the **EBT Food Stamp Card** in NH) remain available for use. NH DHHS encourages families to utilize these balances and to reach out to community resources if they run low on food.
- **Support and Info:** New Hampshire residents can call **2-1-1 NH** for information on food pantries, free community meals, and other assistance in their area. DHHS has also posted a FAQ on its website clarifying that Medicaid and other programs are not affected and that SNAP applications will still be processed.
- **Official Resource:** *New Hampshire DHHS – Food Stamps:* [NH DHHS – SNAP Program](#) (for updates on the shutdown impact and links to local help).

New Jersey

- **November SNAP Issuance:** New Jersey's Department of Human Services (DHS) has notified residents that if the federal shutdown continues, **November 2025 SNAP benefits will not be available on November 1**[\[30\]](#). NJ received federal notice of insufficient funds, so no November benefits can be loaded until the shutdown ends.
- **Use of Existing Benefits: Any SNAP benefits loaded prior to October 31, 2025, will remain on the EBT card and usable after Nov. 1**[\[31\]](#). NJ DHS explicitly encourages recipients to **check their Families First EBT account balance** (via NJFamiliesFirst.com or the phone line) before shopping in November[\[31\]](#). If there is a balance, those funds are available to use; if not, no new funds have been added.
- **Notices vs. Reality:** New Jersey warned that you may still **see a notice or case summary saying you're eligible for November SNAP**, but **no benefits will actually be posted to your card** while the shutdown persists[\[80\]](#). These automated notices reflect eligibility, not issuance. DHS also noted that since this is a federal funding issue, **fair hearings will not be granted** for lack of November benefits, as there is no legal benefit denial – just no funding[\[80\]](#).
- **Applications & Processing:** NJ is **processing SNAP applications and recertifications as normal**[\[81\]](#). Participants must continue to submit required documents and renewals on time. Once federal funding is restored, New Jersey will promptly issue any owed SNAP benefits. (Clients will *not* need to reapply; cases will already be in place[\[82\]](#).)
- **Other Programs:** Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) cash assistance and Child Care Assistance payments **are not impacted** and “should be available on time”[\[83\]](#). Child support operations continue as well with no expected interruption[\[84\]](#).
- **Official Resource:** *New Jersey DHS – SNAP Update:* [NJ DHS – November 2025 SNAP Benefits Info](#)[\[30\]](#)[\[31\]](#).

New Mexico

- **November SNAP Issuance:** New Mexico will also **suspend SNAP benefit issuance for November** if the shutdown persists. The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) has communicated that no November SNAP funds can be provided to the over 550,000 New Mexicans on the program without federal funding.
- **State Response:** New Mexico's leadership is **planning more funding for food banks and pantries** to mitigate hunger during the gap[28]. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced that the state is working with partners like **Roadrunner Food Bank** (NM's largest food bank) to ensure supplies meet the heightened demand. Indeed, Roadrunner Food Bank reported "seeing panic" among residents worried about the SNAP halt[85][86]. The state is making emergency funds available to support these efforts.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any SNAP benefits already on New Mexico EBT cards (often referred to as the **NM EBT Card**) remain active. HSD instructs clients to use those benefits to buy food and to ration as needed. Unused benefits will carry over; the only change is no new benefits are being loaded for now.
- **Communication:** New Mexico HSD has set up a page and hotline for "SNAP during shutdown" FAQs. They are urging people to continue engaging with any work programs or training (for those who have SNAP work requirements) and to keep their cases current. New Mexico also reminds participants that **WIC benefits were funded through late October** with a special infusion, but WIC could face issues by early November if the shutdown doesn't resolve[87][88].
- **Official Resource:** *New Mexico HSD – Income Support:* [NM HSD – SNAP Program Information](#) (for official updates and guidance on the shutdown; also check HSD's newsroom for relevant press releases).

New York

- **November SNAP Issuance:** New York's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has posted a detailed FAQ confirming that **no November 2025 SNAP benefits will be issued on the normal schedule** due to the federal shutdown[3][89]. October benefits were sent as usual and on time, but **November benefits are at risk** because USDA warned of insufficient funds if the lapse continues[90][89].
- **State Guidance:** OTDA's *Federal Government Shutdown: November SNAP Benefits FAQ* emphasizes that **October 2025 benefits are not affected**, and people approved in October still got that month's benefits[90]. For November, OTDA is awaiting federal guidance; as of Oct. 10, USDA indicated it may not be able to cover November SNAP[89]. If the shutdown continues into November, **benefits could be delayed**.
- **Timing & Communication:** New York committed to providing an update to SNAP households by November 1 about the status of November benefits[91].

Once the shutdown ends or funding is provided (even after Nov. 1), it will take a few days for NY to issue the benefits. Households will be alerted via the OTDA website, NYC ACCESS HRA, myBenefits portal, the ebtEDGE mobile app, and text message[92]. Notably, OTDA said it will *not* send postal mail notices about any delay; it will use electronic means[92].

- **Use of Existing Benefits: EBT cards will continue working.** OTDA confirms your EBT card should still function in November, and **unused SNAP benefits from prior months remain available**[93][94]. They advise checking your EBT balance (via last receipt, helpline, ebtEDGE site/app) so you know what funds you have[95]. If the shutdown persists and no new funds come, at least those carryover benefits can be used.
- **Preparation Tips:** New York offered practical tips:
- **Check your EBT balance** so you're aware of remaining benefits[96].
- **Know where to find emergency food** (they link to a map of food pantries)[97].
- **Follow SNAP rules and continue required reports/recertifications** to keep your case active[98].
- **Regularly check for updates** from OTDA[99].
Households should **not reapply** just because of delayed benefits; if you're already on SNAP, stay enrolled and wait for further instruction.
- **Other Programs:** OTDA noted that other NYS programs like Public Assistance (cash welfare) are *not yet affected* by the shutdown[100]. WIC benefits were expected to continue through at least October; Summer EBT was also unaffected as of that time[101].
- **State Emergency Actions:** *Governor Kathy Hochul* announced New York is **fast-tracking \$30 million in state funding for emergency food assistance** to help food banks and pantries meet increased demand[12][13]. New York has also recently committed millions more to support food banks, knowing SNAP dollars might temporarily vanish[13].
- **Official Resource:** *NY OTDA – Federal Shutdown SNAP FAQ:* [OTDA FAQ: Federal Government Shutdown & November SNAP](#)[3][102].

North Carolina

- **November SNAP Issuance:** North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) announced that **November SNAP benefits for ~1.4 million North Carolinians will be delayed** if the federal shutdown continues[103]. On Oct. 10, USDA directed NC (and other states) to **delay issuance of November SNAP** due to the ongoing shutdown[104]. As of Oct. 27, NC had not received necessary federal funds, and there is significant risk November benefits will not go out on their normal schedule[105].
- **No Contingency Funds:** NCDHHS noted that on Oct. 24, USDA informed states it would **not tap the ~\$6 billion in federal contingency funds** to run SNAP for November[106]. USDA also said it would *not reimburse* any state funds used to

cover SNAP benefits[106]. In NC, SNAP disbursements total about \$230–\$250 million each month[107], which the state cannot fill alone.

- **State Response:** *Governor Josh Stein* urged USDA to use contingency funds, calling the refusal to do so “a cruel abdication of responsibility” as the holidays approach[108]. *NCDHHS Secretary Dev Sangvai* emphasized transparency and helping families prepare for a potential delay[109]. NC leaders are advocating for a federal resolution, noting SNAP’s vital role (4 in 5 NC SNAP families include a child, senior, or person with disability[110]).
- **WIC and Other Programs:** NCDHHS warned that WIC funding in NC was only assured until **early November** for ~262,000 participants, and without additional federal funds, WIC benefits could lapse as well[111]. They are exploring options to maintain WIC if federal funding doesn’t come. Medicaid and other health programs were not immediately cut, but the state noted broad impacts of a prolonged shutdown[112].
- **Use of Existing Benefits: North Carolinians can still use any SNAP benefits already on their EBT cards.** NCDHHS confirmed EBT cards will work for existing balances; only new November loads are paused[113].
- **Guidance for Recipients:** NCDHHS provided clear guidance[114][6]:
- *Continue to Apply and Renew:* County DSS offices remain open and processing applications/renewals to avoid backlogs[115].
- *Check Your Balance:* Use the ebtEDGE app or call the number on the card to see what funds you have[116].
- *Find Food if Needed:* If in immediate need, call **2-1-1** or use the **NCDHHS food access website** to find local food pantries[117].
- **Updates:** NCDHHS is posting the latest info on a dedicated shutdown page and will keep partners and beneficiaries updated[118]. (The state’s shutdown webpage reiterates that **no new SNAP benefits will be added in November** and that households can use whatever is already on their card[113].)
- **Official Resource:** *NCDHHS – Federal Shutdown Updates: NC DHHS – Federal Government Shutdown: What It Means for You*[113].

North Dakota

- **November SNAP Issuance:** North Dakota will **hold SNAP benefits for November** until the federal government reopens. The Department of Human Services (DHS) in ND has indicated that no November SNAP disbursements will occur if the shutdown extends into the month.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** North Dakota SNAP recipients can continue using any benefits already loaded on their EBT cards. ND DHS clarified that the EBT system will function for existing balances, so households should utilize those benefits for groceries.
- **Rural Considerations:** Given North Dakota’s rural areas, the state emphasized advance planning. Many small-town grocery stores know their SNAP clients; some communities have been rallying donations or extending credit to help

neighbors if SNAP is delayed. DHS is coordinating with tribal nations as well, since several reservations operate their own food assistance distributions (e.g., FDIIR) which might help if SNAP is on pause.

- **State Guidance:** North Dakota advises SNAP clients to keep in close contact with their local human service zone office for updates. They should also proceed with any scheduled interviews or verifications so their case remains in good standing. ND's Public Health Nutrition programs (like WIC) were funded through the end of October, and the state is monitoring those funding streams.
- **Official Resource:** *North Dakota DHS – Economic Assistance:* [ND DHS – SNAP](#) (for program updates and local office contacts; check news releases for any “SNAP November” announcements).

Ohio

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Ohio's Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has alerted recipients that **SNAP benefits will not be issued in November** if the shutdown remains unresolved. Ohio will not be able to load November benefits on the Ohio Direction EBT cards without a federal funding stream.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Any SNAP benefits already on Ohio EBT cards remain available for use. ODJFS recommends that families check their balance (via the **Ohio EBT portal or phone line**) and try to budget those remaining funds to cover essentials as best as possible during the gap.
- **Public Communication:** ODJFS and county JFS offices are communicating this through notices and the media. Ohio's 88 counties administer SNAP locally, so many county agencies have put out messages echoing the state guidance – essentially, “No November SNAP unless the federal government reopens; use what you have and seek local help if needed.”
- **Local Resources:** Ohio is fortunate to have robust foodbanks (e.g., Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, etc.). The state has encouraged people to find their nearest food pantry through the **Ohio Association of Foodbanks**. Additionally, Governor Mike DeWine's office has been in touch with community organizations to potentially increase support for emergency food distribution if SNAP is delayed.
- **Official Resource:** *Ohio ODJFS – Food Assistance:* [Ohio JFS – SNAP Program](#) (for any official statements; local county JFS websites may also have shutdown-specific info).

Oklahoma

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) confirmed that if the shutdown continues, **SNAP benefits for all recipients will be suspended beginning November 1, 2025**^{[119][120]}. In other words, **no November SNAP payments** will be loaded in Oklahoma as long as the federal government is shut down. (October benefits were processed normally.)

- **Stagger Dates:** Oklahoma clarified that the suspension applies regardless of a household's usual issuance date. Even if someone typically receives benefits on, say, the 5th or 10th of the month, **no one will receive a November issuance** unless the government reopens[121]. All schedules are affected equally by the Nov 1 cutoff.
- **Other Programs:** According to the latest federal guidance, Medicaid and TANF in Oklahoma **are not affected** and should continue as normal[122]. Oklahoma WIC is also operating as usual for now, with participants advised that updates will be provided if anything changes[122]. OKDHS emphasized that offices remain open and those benefits (Medicaid, TANF, WIC) are not currently interrupted.
- **Applications & Paperwork:** OKDHS states it will **continue processing SNAP applications and renewals through October**, pending further federal guidance[123]. Clients should still **submit eligibility, recertification, or change forms** as required; OKDHS is processing documents normally until told otherwise[124]. All changes should be reported via the OKDHS Live portal as usual. This ensures people don't lose eligibility once benefits can resume.
- **EBT Card Usage:** Oklahoma advised that **EBT cards should continue to work through October**, but it was initially *unclear* what would happen starting November 1[125]. They later clarified that **carryover balances from previous months will be accessible in November**[126]. So if an Oklahoma SNAP participant had any leftover benefits, those can still be spent (the EBT system will not shut off), but **no new funds will be added**[125][126].
- **Retroactive Benefits:** It's uncertain whether missed SNAP benefits will be paid retroactively after the shutdown. OKDHS is monitoring federal decisions on that and will update when known[127].
- **Finding Food:** OKDHS directs people to call **211** or visit the **211 Oklahoma** website for information on other food assistance programs (food pantries, etc.)[128]. They also promote the **OKDHS "Be A Neighbor" site** which connects Oklahomans to community resources[128]. Those who want to help can contact local food banks to donate, since those charities will see increased strain[129].
- **Updates:** OKDHS will continue to post updates on its website and encourages clients to check back often[130][131]. They also sent an email to SNAP participants and issued a news release around Oct 24 detailing this information[132].
- **Official Resource:** *OKDHS – Government Shutdown SNAP FAQs:* [Oklahoma DHS Shutdown FAQ for SNAP \(Oct 2025\)](#)[119][125].

Oregon

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Oregon has announced that it **will not issue November SNAP benefits** if the federal shutdown continues into that month. The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is following USDA guidance to pause SNAP allotments beginning November 1 until a federal budget or resolution is passed.

- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Oregon SNAP participants can still use any benefits already on their **Oregon Trail EBT cards**. ODHS confirmed that those previously issued benefits remain available to purchase food; only the disbursement of new November credits is affected.
- **Client Communication:** ODHS is reaching out through its text alert system (for those enrolled) and via case workers to ensure families know about the situation. They have updated their website with messages like “If the shutdown doesn’t end, no SNAP benefits can be added for November.” They urge people to pay attention to news from ODHS and USDA.
- **Community Support:** Oregon’s network of food banks (organized under the **Oregon Food Bank**) is on standby to serve significantly more people. The state is also directing folks to resources like **211info** to find community food programs and any special distributions happening. Oregonians are encouraged to lean on these supports and, if they have school-age children, to utilize school meal programs which continue normally.
- **Official Resource:** *Oregon ODHS – Food Assistance:* [ODHS – SNAP Information](#) (check for any alerts/press releases about the federal shutdown; ODHS often posts updates in multiple languages on their site).

Pennsylvania

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Pennsylvania’s Department of Human Services (DHS) has made it clear that **no November SNAP payments will be made** to the nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians on the program unless Congress takes action^[133]. USDA notified Pennsylvania on Oct. 10 that it **cannot fully fund November SNAP** due to the shutdown^[134]. Without a federal budget or continuing resolution, **SNAP benefits in PA will not be issued for November**^{[135][136]}. The Commonwealth cannot cover these costs on its own^[137].
- **Public Messaging:** Pennsylvania DHS and Governor Josh Shapiro put out strong statements on Oct. 20 warning of this cutoff^{[133][138]}. “Unless Congress takes immediate action, SNAP payments will not be issued for November,” the DHS news release stated^[133]. Governor Shapiro criticized federal inaction that “is threatening critical food assistance for two million Pennsylvanians”^[139]. DHS Secretary Dr. Val Arkoosh highlighted the ripple effects on local economies and urged leaders to end the shutdown^[140].
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Pennsylvania DHS assured recipients that any **unspent funds on their EBT cards will still be usable**. “Despite the ongoing shutdown, SNAP recipients with unspent funds on their EBT cards will still be able to use these funds,” DHS noted^[94]. SNAP benefits remain on the card for up to 9 months if unused^[141]. DHS encouraged people to **keep their EBT card secure (e.g., use card-lock features) to protect those benefits**^[94]. They also warned about skimming scams and advised vigilance at point-of-sale terminals^{[142][143]}.

- **Applications & Requirements:** Pennsylvania will continue processing SNAP applications during the shutdown[144]. Recipients are expected to continue reporting changes and completing renewals on time[145]. Importantly, **new federal work reporting requirements** for certain SNAP recipients still took effect Nov. 1 despite the shutdown[146]. Pennsylvania reminded recipients to comply with these rules (monthly reporting of work/school/volunteer hours for some adults) to avoid future interruptions[56][57].
- **Emergency Food Resources:** Pennsylvania DHS directed those in immediate need to use **PA 211** or the **PA Navigate website** to find local food banks and resources[147][148]. They provided links to Feeding Pennsylvania's food bank locator as well[149]. They also encouraged Pennsylvanians who are able to donate or volunteer at food banks, which are experiencing high demand[150].
- **State Actions:** The state cannot replace federal SNAP dollars, but *Governor Shapiro* and the legislature have been exploring ways to support food assistance. As of late October, PA had not announced state funding to cover SNAP, but they did highlight that *other programs like Medicaid and cash assistance were not immediately impacted*. Also, Pennsylvania delayed the opening of its LIHEAP (energy assistance) season to December due to the shutdown[151][152].
- **Official Resource:** *Pennsylvania DHS – Federal Shutdown Info:* [PA DHS: Federal Government Shutdown & Impacts on DHS Benefits](#)[2][136].

Rhode Island

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Rhode Island's Department of Human Services (DHS) has indicated that it **will not be able to issue SNAP benefits for November** if the federal shutdown persists. Rhode Island will have to pause benefits starting Nov. 1 until federal funds are available.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Rhode Island SNAP recipients can continue to use any benefits already on their **EBT cards (Rhode Island Bridges card)**. Those existing funds remain valid for food purchases. RI DHS encourages recipients to plan grocery spending wisely and utilize community food resources if needed.
- **State Coordination:** Rhode Island is working with the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and other local organizations to handle an increase in food assistance needs. Governor Dan McKee's administration has been briefed on the situation; while the state can't replace SNAP funds, they are monitoring closely and supporting food relief efforts.
- **Public Info:** RI DHS has posted information on their website and through social media to inform clients of the potential delay. They have also been in touch with grocers in the state to ensure they understand that EBT cards will still work for prior benefits, and to possibly expect different shopping patterns if benefits are delayed.
- **Official Resource:** *Rhode Island DHS – SNAP:* [RI DHS SNAP Information](#) (check for any alerts or press releases on the November benefit delay; also Rhode Island 2-1-1 for assistance).

South Carolina

- **November SNAP Issuance:** South Carolina's Department of Social Services (DSS) has prepared for the **suspension of November SNAP benefits** if the federal shutdown continues. They have communicated that starting Nov. 1, no new SNAP benefits can be added to EBT cards statewide without federal funding.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** South Carolinians can use any SNAP benefits already on their **EBT cards (Palmetto EBT)** during the shutdown. DSS has clarified that while November benefits won't be issued, any *unused October or earlier benefits remain available* on the card for purchases. Recipients should check their balance and use those funds as needed.
- **State Outreach:** SC DSS has been sending recorded phone messages and posting notices on their website to notify recipients of the situation. They urge households to look into local food distribution events (some faith-based groups in SC have been gearing up to host food drives if SNAP is halted). DSS also coordinates with the Lowcountry Food Bank and others to shore up emergency food supplies.
- **Other Benefits:** South Carolina noted that Family Independence (TANF cash assistance) and Medicaid are not affected by the shutdown and will continue. However, DSS offices may see increased inquiries; they ask for patience and recommend using online portals (like **SC Benefits Portal**) to check case status rather than calling, if possible.
- **Official Resource:** *South Carolina DSS – SNAP:* [SC DSS Announcements](#) (for official updates on SNAP during the shutdown; includes local office contact info and perhaps FAQs).

South Dakota

- **November SNAP Issuance:** South Dakota will **delay November SNAP benefits** in the event the federal shutdown remains in effect. The Department of Social Services (DSS) in SD has notified participants that no November benefits will be issued unless a federal budget is passed.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** South Dakota SNAP recipients can use benefits already on their **EBT cards** (South Dakota uses the EBT system for SNAP). Those balances stay available and can be spent normally. DSS encourages recipients to utilize those funds to support their families' food needs while new benefits are on hold.
- **Communication:** Given South Dakota's relatively smaller population, DSS has been able to reach many clients directly through mailed notices and through caseworkers. They emphasize that this is a nationwide issue and not a state-level decision; thus, South Dakotans should plan around a missed issuance in November.
- **Local Help:** DSS suggests contacting **Feeding South Dakota**, the main food bank serving the state, which has mobile distributions and pantries in various

communities. Additionally, SD's tribal communities often have food assistance programs that could provide help to Native American families affected by SNAP delays.

- **Official Resource:** *South Dakota DSS – Economic Assistance:* [SD DSS – SNAP Program](#) (for program info and any news bulletins about the shutdown's impact; also a SNAP client helpline is available at 877-999-5612).

Tennessee

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Tennessee's Department of Human Services (TDHS) has warned that **November SNAP benefits will not be issued** if the federal shutdown continues. Tennessee will suspend adding benefits to EBT cards starting Nov. 1 until federal funding resumes.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Tennessee families can continue to use any remaining SNAP benefits on their **EBT cards (Benefit Security Card)** from prior months. TDHS confirmed that those funds won't be affected and cards will work for available balances. Recipients are advised to budget prudently and perhaps hold on to some benefits for the first part of November if they can.
- **Public Advisories:** TDHS has used press releases and its social media channels to inform the public. They also coordinated with local news outlets to get the word out in both urban and rural areas. Tennessee officials encourage SNAP recipients to keep an eye on announcements and to utilize **soup kitchens and pantries** which many communities have.
- **Other Assistance:** Tennessee's Families First (TANF cash) and Medicaid are continuing normally. However, TDHS notes that the **pandemic-era extra SNAP benefits had already ended earlier**, so many households were already adjusted to lower benefit amounts before this shutdown scenario. Now a complete pause is an additional challenge. They are hopeful for a quick federal resolution.
- **Official Resource:** *Tennessee DHS – SNAP:* [TN DHS – SNAP Program Info](#) (for official notices; TDHS's newsroom or "Latest News" may have a specific update about the shutdown).

Texas

- **November SNAP Issuance:** The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced that **SNAP benefits for November will not be issued** as long as the federal shutdown is ongoing^{[153][154]}. If the shutdown continued past Oct. 27, HHSC was to halt November SNAP payments statewide^{[153][155]}. This means approximately 3.7 million Texans will not receive their normal November SNAP allotment on schedule^[156].
- **Other Programs:** HHSC clarified that **WIC, TANF, Medicaid, and CHIP benefits are not affected** at this time and continue to be available^{[157][155]}. The issue is specific to SNAP, which lacks funding due to the lapse in federal appropriations.
- **Resumption Plan:** Texas will **issue SNAP benefits as soon as it receives new federal guidance/funding**^[154]. HHSC is closely monitoring the situation and

will restart benefits immediately once allowed. They noted that *once the shutdown ends*, any missed SNAP benefits would be provided, potentially retroactively^[158], although timing depends on federal action.

- **Notices & Updates:** Texans are urged to **check the Your Texas Benefits website or mobile app for updates**, or call 2-1-1 for the latest information^{[159][160]}. HHSC will post announcements on those platforms about when SNAP will be reissued and any alternative resources. After dialing 2-1-1, choosing Option 1 will help callers find local resources^[160].
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** HHSC confirmed that **October benefits were secure** and were loaded early (Texas SNAP is issued on a rolling basis through the month)^{[161][162]}. If households have any carryover balance on their Lone Star Cards, they can continue to use it in November. HHSC encouraged recipients to **continue to report changes and renew on time** even if benefits are paused, and to keep applying if in need^[163]. The online systems (YourTexasBenefits) remain operational for applications and case information^[164].
- **Community Impact:** The North Texas Food Bank and others expect an influx of people if SNAP doesn't come^{[165][166]}. They have been preparing by purchasing extra USDA foods in advance when possible^[167]. HHSC acknowledged that charitable food providers will face pressure, and urged those facing food insecurity to reach out to these organizations.
- **Official Resource:** *Texas HHS – Federal Shutdown FAQs:* [Texas HHS – 2025 Shutdown & Benefits FAQ](#)^{[168][155]}.

Utah

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Utah's Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has indicated it **will not issue November SNAP benefits** as scheduled if the shutdown continues into that month. Utah will delay SNAP allotments until federal funding is available.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Utah SNAP recipients can use any current balance on their Horizon EBT cards. DWS has clarified that benefits already on the card remain available; only the distribution of November's new benefits is affected. Recipients are encouraged to stretch their existing resources if possible and to seek out local food assistance if needed.
- **Public Communication:** DWS, which administers SNAP (called Food Stamps or Food Assistance in UT), is keeping clients informed via its website and direct email/text alerts. They have an FAQ addressing questions like "Will my card still work?" (Yes, for existing funds) and "Do I need to do anything?" (No, just wait for the government to reopen and continue your normal reporting).
- **Local Support:** Utah highlights resources such as the **Utah Food Bank** and the **211 Utah** service for those facing food shortages. Many religious and community organizations in Utah also have food pantries; DWS provides a directory of these resources.

- **Official Resource:** *Utah DWS – SNAP (Food Stamps):* [Utah SNAP Program](#) (for any official news on benefit issuance; also check DWS’s social media or news releases for shutdown updates).

Vermont

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Vermont has vowed to **backfill SNAP benefits for November if possible**, despite the federal shutdown. Governor Phil Scott’s administration pledged that Vermont would **find a way to continue benefits in the short term**^{[7][8]}. However, details are being worked out, as states normally cannot issue federal SNAP without USDA support. Vermont officials have been working on a contingency plan given the critical importance of the program.
- **State Plan:** Vermont’s Agency of Human Services signaled that it might tap state emergency funds or work with the legislature to ensure November 1 benefits go out. This is similar to plans in Louisiana and Virginia^[8]. They acknowledge, however, that **if the shutdown is prolonged, even state funds may not sustain the program**, and the state has no mechanism to directly load EBT cards without federal systems. Still, the intent is to prevent immediate harm if at all possible.
- **Foodbank Perspective:** Vermont’s foodbank CEO John Sayles has been a vocal advocate, noting “the charitable food system...doesn’t have resources to replace” SNAP on a large scale^{[169][170]}. This underscores why Vermont leaders are so concerned and willing to step in.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Vermont households can use any SNAP benefits left on their **Vermont EBT (3SquaresVT) cards** from prior months. Those remain available. The state encouraged people to do so and also to connect with community action agencies and food shelves for additional support.
- **Public Messaging:** The Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) is updating its website and helpline with the latest information. They urge participants to keep checking for news and to complete any required paperwork (Vermont had some recertifications due in late fall) to maintain eligibility.
- **Official Resource:** *Vermont DCF – 3SquaresVT:* [VT 3SquaresVT Program Info](#) (for official announcements on the status of benefits and any emergency provisions by the state).

Virginia

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Virginia’s leadership has similarly **pledged to cover SNAP benefits for November** if the federal shutdown continues^{[7][8]}. Governor Glenn Youngkin and the state legislature signaled they would find state resources to prevent Virginians from going hungry. Virginia’s plan was still developing as of late October, but officials have publicly stated they will not let benefits lapse without attempting a state solution.
- **State Action:** Virginia was one of the first states to announce it would try to fill the void left by the federal government^[7]. The specifics may involve emergency state budget allocations or using reserve funds. Like other states attempting this,

Virginia faces the challenge that USDA's memo says states won't be reimbursed^[10] and that it hasn't provided a mechanism for state-funded SNAP issuance. Nonetheless, the promise has been made at high levels to support families through November.

- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Meanwhile, Virginia SNAP recipients can use any existing benefits on their **Virginia EBT cards**. The Department of Social Services (VDSS) has told clients those funds are safe and can be spent. If Virginia succeeds in its plan, November benefits might even be loaded on time courtesy of state funds – but this is a contingency, not a certainty.
- **Communication:** VDSS has been updating its website and sending out communications about the situation, including FAQs. They are also coordinating with partners like the Virginia Food Bank network, as even a short disruption could send many to seek charitable food. Governor Youngkin's administration is working both on a stopgap and pressing federal officials to resolve the budget impasse.
- **Official Resource:** *Virginia DSS – SNAP:* [VA DSS – SNAP Benefits](#) (for official updates; look for any press release on state covering benefits, and contact info for local DSS offices).

Washington

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has indicated that **no November SNAP benefits will be issued** to clients if the shutdown remains. Washington will delay issuance starting Nov. 1 until it has confirmation of federal funding.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Washington SNAP participants (Basic Food program) can continue to use any benefits already on their **Washington Quest cards**. DSHS confirmed that cards will function for existing balances and that benefits do not expire monthly – they carry over for up to a year, so whatever is on the card will remain available.
- **State Preparations:** Washington is preparing its community resources to step up. The state's network of food banks and meal programs (e.g., Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline) are on alert for increased demand. Governor Jay Inslee and DSHS have been vocal about the hardships the shutdown imposes and have advocated for a federal fix, but in the interim are supporting local aid networks.
- **Client Guidance:** DSHS is reaching out via its client portal (*Washington Connection*) and by mail to inform households. They advise continuing to report changes, renew benefits, and even apply if needed – DSHS will process them so that once federal funds are available, they can issue benefits promptly. They also emphasize checking DSHS announcements for updates on when benefits might resume.
- **Official Resource:** *Washington DSHS – Basic Food:* [Washington Basic Food Program Info](#) (for official communications on benefit issuance; DSHS often posts client updates on its news feed or via the client portal).

West Virginia

- **November SNAP Issuance:** West Virginia's Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has let recipients know that **November SNAP benefits will not be delivered** if the shutdown continues. WV will not have authority to issue benefits for November without congressional funding, so those will be postponed.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** West Virginians can use any SNAP benefits already on their **Mountain State EBT cards**. DHHR has assured clients that previously received benefits remain on the card and can be used as usual. People are encouraged to make use of what they have and to contact local food pantries if that's insufficient.
- **Community Support:** Many communities in WV are gearing up church pantries and volunteer meal programs in case of a SNAP gap. DHHR is communicating with organizations like the Mountaineer Food Bank and Facing Hunger Foodbank to help coordinate relief efforts. The state is also looking at possibly using some emergency funds to support those efforts.
- **Ongoing Operations:** WV DHHR continues to accept SNAP applications and do case maintenance. They stress that while funds are frozen, eligibility work goes on. WV also reminded recipients that the new federal work requirement changes (from the 2023 law) still apply – so some adults may have to report work hours starting in November to keep benefits later, despite the lack of a November issuance.
- **Official Resource:** *West Virginia DHHR – SNAP:* [WV DHHR – SNAP Information](#) (for official guidance and any news about the shutdown impact; also WV 211 for local food resources).

Wisconsin

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Wisconsin's FoodShare program (SNAP) will **not issue November benefits** on schedule due to the federal shutdown. Wisconsin was notified that federal funds are insufficient, and FoodShare benefits are 100% federally funded. Thus, **November FoodShare is on hold until the shutdown ends**^[171]. Governor Tony Evers warned that FoodShare would “run out of federal funding in a matter of days — not weeks, days” without a resolution^[172]. Nearly 700,000 Wisconsinites could be affected^[173].
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** On Oct. 24, federal guidance confirmed that **FoodShare members may use any benefits currently on their QUEST EBT cards in November**^[21]. Benefits already loaded will **not be removed** because of the shutdown, and cards will continue to work for those balances^[21]. Wisconsin DHS made it a point to *be clear* that existing benefits remain available to buy food during the shutdown^[21].
- **State Actions:** Governor Evers wrote to USDA Secretary (Brooke Rollins at that time) imploring the use of contingency funds, saying “empty cupboards and stomachs” are the imminent result without intervention^[174]. He and DHS also explored state-level options but, like other states, acknowledged that loading

state funds onto EBT cards isn't feasible without federal systems cooperating[175]. Instead, *Wisconsin did redirect funds to support food banks*: Evers announced an initiative to bolster resources at food pantries and community meal sites in expectation of the SNAP lapse[28].

- **Other Programs:** Wisconsin DHS noted that **WIC benefits were secure for October and expected for November** at the time[176]. Programs like BadgerCare Plus (Medicaid) and SeniorCare drug assistance are not impacted by the shutdown and continue as normal[177].
- **Communication:** Wisconsin DHS updated its "FoodShare: News for Members" webpage with shutdown information in multiple languages. They advised FoodShare households to **bookmark that page and call 211** for other food assistance[178]. They also highlighted the new work requirement changes effective Nov. 1, 2025 (due to the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" in July), which expand work requirements to certain areas that previously had waivers[179][180]. Affected members were sent letters in September about these changes. Even though benefits are paused, those rules still technically kick in, so members should be aware and comply once benefits resume.
- **Official Resource:** *Wisconsin DHS – FoodShare Members News*: [WI DHS – FoodShare Shutdown Updates](#)[171][21].

Wyoming

- **November SNAP Issuance:** Wyoming's Department of Family Services (DFS) has stated that **it cannot issue November SNAP benefits** to clients if the federal shutdown is ongoing. As a smaller state, Wyoming depends entirely on the federal grant for SNAP and has no ability to advance funds for November benefits.
- **Use of Existing Benefits:** Wyoming SNAP recipients can still use any remaining benefits on their **Wyoming EBT cards** from prior months. DFS confirmed those funds will stay on the card. Recipients should plan purchases carefully and perhaps stock up on shelf-stable foods if they have benefit balance left.
- **Rural Support:** Much of Wyoming is rural, so DFS is working with local communities (sometimes through county extension offices or local charities) to ensure people in far-flung areas have information and support. Some towns are organizing local food drives if needed. The state's smaller population makes targeted local efforts feasible, but resources are limited.
- **Continuing Eligibility:** Wyoming DFS advises clients to continue meeting any reporting requirements and to submit renewals. They also reassure that as soon as Congress approves funding, Wyoming will immediately work to provide the delayed SNAP benefits, even if it means extra staff hours to get benefits out quickly.
- **Official Resource:** *Wyoming DFS – SNAP*: [Wyoming SNAP Program Info](#) (for any official updates on the shutdown; local DFS field offices can also provide information).

Conclusion: As detailed above, every state's SNAP program is impacted by the federal government shutdown that began October 1, 2025. **No state can issue November SNAP benefits** without federal funding[2]. State agencies are urging patience and providing referrals to emergency food resources during this interruption. **All SNAP recipients are encouraged to stay informed** through their state's official channels and to promptly resume use of their benefits once the federal budget impasse is resolved. The information in this report is current as of late October 2025; for the very latest updates, please consult the official state links provided or contact your local SNAP office.

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