

Florida’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps put food on the table of Floridians in need year-round. Disaster SNAP (D-SNAP) is one of the ways that SNAP can help Floridians after a disaster.

D-SNAP provides temporary grocery assistance to people who need help paying for food after a widespread disaster, like a hurricane or a tornado. **D-SNAP is only for people who are not currently getting regular SNAP.** The Department of Children and Families (DCF) can only offer D-SNAP after the President declares a disaster for people living in the affected area. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) must approve the state’s request for a D-SNAP program.

Applying for D-SNAP Is a Two-Part Process

1. You must *register* for the program.
 - Registering can be done online on a computer. People without computers can register in person at a DCF-announced D-SNAP site. Check DCF’s web site at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/> for up-to-date information about registering for D-SNAP after a disaster.
2. You must have an *interview*.
 - DCF usually lets you do D-SNAP interviews either by phone or in person at a D-SNAP site. This lets you pick whatever works best for you.

Verifying Your Identity and Expenses

DCF will ask questions to see if you are eligible. You will also have to verify your identity. You can do this through documents like a Social Security Card, driver's license, state ID card, or a signed affidavit from someone saying who you are. DCF may ask you to verify where you live, who you were living with when the disaster struck, income, and liquid resources.

DCF will ask you what you lost in the disaster. This is because you must have had a disaster-related loss to get D-SNAP. When DCF asks you what you lost, tell them about things like money you had to spend to relocate, property damage, and disaster-related expenses that were not reimbursed. Be sure to tell DCF about food that you may have lost after the power went out or from the wind or water.

Receiving D-SNAP

If you are eligible, DCF will give you an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card either in person or by mail. EBT cards work like debit cards. Use your EBT card at any store or farmer’s market that takes regular SNAP. D-SNAP can only be used for food. You cannot use D-SNAP for alcohol, tobacco, pet food, or non-food items. But you can usually use D-SNAP to buy hot prepared foods.

DCF will give you D-SNAP benefits within **72 hours** (3 days). Usually, you only have 90 days to use your D-SNAP benefits.

D-SNAP has Different Rules

D-SNAP rules are not like regular SNAP. For D-SNAP, DCF looks at:

household’s

take-home

income

+

accessible

liquid

resources

–

disaster

expenses

Currently, households of 2 can have up to **\$2,716**. There aren’t any requirements that you have a Social Security number, specific immigration status, be working, or comply with child support.

The amount people get in D-SNAP is updated by FNS every year in October. For now, the benefit amount for D-SNAP is **\$546 for a household of 2**. Bigger households receive more.

Additional Support:

- Questions about SNAP: Call DCF at (850)-300-4323 or visit their website: [myflfamilies.com](https://www.myflfamilies.com).
- Assistance with hearing and/or speech: Call Florida Relay at 711 or 1-800-955-8771
- Legal advice with a SNAP problem: Go to [floridalawhelp.org](https://www.floridalawhelp.org) or call 211 or 411 to find a local legal aid office that may be able to help.

This is basic information about how SNAP in Florida usually helps after disasters, like hurricanes or tornadoes. In future disasters, the state may do things differently.