



Hurricane Sandy: Emergency Food Stamps

For more information, visit www.mfy.org or call 212-417-3700.

What is D-SNAP?

D-SNAP stands for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. This federal program provides emergency food stamps for individuals and families affected by major disasters.

Can I Receive D-SNAP?

To receive D-SNAP, **all of the following must** be true:

1. Your income is **no greater** than the maximum amount allowed for a household of your size, as detailed below:

Household Size	Max Monthly Gross Income
1) 1	\$2,268
2) 2	\$2,965
3) 3	\$3,416
4) 4	\$4,034
5) 5	\$4,452
6) 6	\$4,979
7) 7	\$5,363
8) 8	\$5,747
9) Each additional	+\$384
10) person	

Example 1: If your household has 4 people and a combined income of \$3,900, then your household would be eligible for D-SNAP.

Example 2: If your household has 4 people and a combined income of \$4,500, then your household would **NOT** be eligible for D-SNAP.

2. You suffered damages to your apartment, house, or car; you have had to pay to eat out, to relocate, or loss of income from Hurricane Sandy.
3. You were living in the following zip codes on October 27, 2012:

Brooklyn

Coney Island: 11224 and 11235
South of Allen Avenue: Part of 11229
Red Hook: 11231

Queens

The Rockaways: 11691, 11692, 11693, 11694, and 11697

Staten Island

Southeastern Shore: 10306
South of Seaview Avenue: Part of 10305

Manhattan

Lower Manhattan: 10002

Unfortunately, households who have **ONLY** experienced food loss as a result of Hurricane Sandy will **NOT** be considered eligible.

I already receive SNAP benefits. Am I still eligible for D-SNAP?

Not exactly. If you have SNAP, you should automatically get a D-SNAP payment on your EBT card to raise you to the highest amount allowed for the number of people in your home. You do not have to apply to get this increase.

However, if you already receive the highest amount of SNAP benefits possible, you will not receive any increase from D-SNAP.

I am an undocumented immigrant. Am I still eligible?

Yes. You can apply for D-SNAP even if you are not a citizen or permanent resident.

What information and documentation will I need to apply?

- Some form of identification, such as a driver's license.
- Proof that you lived in one of the affected zip codes (listed above) on October 27, 2012, such as a lease or a utility bill.
- If possible, proof of what the storm has cost you. For example, proof that the storm has affected your income, your resources, and/or the people who live with you.

When and where should I apply?

You can apply at the following locations:

Brooklyn

495 Clermont Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

December 12 (8:30am to 6pm):

Last names starting between A-M

December 13 (8:30am to 6pm):

Last names starting between N-Z

December 14-18 (8:30am to 6pm):

All eligible applicants, regardless of last name.

By Train: 2, 3, 4, 5, B, D, N, Q, R to Atlantic-Pacific; C or G to Clinton-Washington

By Bus: B25, B26, B38, B45, B65, B67, B69, B52, B38, and B63

Staten Island

465 New Dorp Lane
Staten Island, New York

December 14: 4pm to 8pm

December 15: 9am to 5pm

December 16: 9am to 5pm

December 17: 4pm to 8pm

At this location, eligible applicants can apply on any day, regardless of last name.

By Bus: S79 and S78

Note: *If you are unable to visit these sites yourself, you can send someone to represent you. That person should know all the necessary details about your situation in order to apply on your behalf.*

What happens if I am approved for D-SNAP benefits?

You should receive a temporary benefits card in the mail within 3 to 7 days. The following chart specifies the amount you will receive. For example, if your 3-person household is eligible for D-SNAP and earns \$3,000 per month, you will receive \$526.

Household Size	Max Monthly Gross Income	Benefits to be Received
1	\$2,268	\$200
2	\$2,965	\$367
3	\$3,416	\$526
4	\$4,034	\$668
5	\$4,452	\$793
6	\$4,979	\$952
7	\$5,363	\$1,052
8	\$5,747	\$1,202
Each additional person	+\$384	+\$150

My application was denied. Can I appeal?

Yes. If your household applied for D-SNAP benefits and was denied, you may request a fair hearing. If your household did not apply during the schedule period, you do not have the right to a fair hearing.

To request a fair hearing (or to request an adjournment or cancel your hearing), please visit the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) at <http://otda.ny.gov/oah>. If you have additional questions about fair hearings, you can contact OTDA at the address and phone numbers listed below:

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Office of Administrative Hearings
PO BOX 1930
Albany, N.Y. 12201-1930

Fax: 518-473-6735

Phone: 1 (518) 474-8781 or 1 (800) 342-3334 (toll free)

Where can I get more information about D-SNAP?

For more information about D-SNAP benefits, you should visit the New York City Human Resources Administration website at www.nyc.gov/html/hra.

To download the D-SNAP application, visit www.nyc.gov/html/hra/downloads/pdf/dsnap/4988-DSNAP_Application.pdf. To download an application in a foreign language, visit http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/programs/d_snap2.shtml.

If you have additional questions about D-SNAP or other Sandy-related issues, you can also call MFY Legal Services at 212-417-3700 or visit our website at www.mfy.org.

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