

D-SNAP 2012 TALKING POINTS:

- DHS will implement Disaster food assistance, called D-SNAP for individuals and families in certain counties, who are not already enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- D-SNAP is administered by the US Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services through the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the counties.
- **D-SNAP is a federal safety-net service for people who are at risk for hunger because their disaster-recovery expenses have left them without money to buy food; it is NOT a food replacement program for anyone who lost power and perishable food items.**
- Applications for the program will begin on Monday, November 26 and run for seven business days, concluding on either Monday, December 3rd or Tuesday, December 4th, depending on whether a particular county processes applications on Saturday, December 1st.
- **It is important to emphasize that applications must be received during this enrollment period.**
- An estimated 100,000 households in 18 counties hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy may be eligible for at least \$200.
- Approved applicants will receive their benefits on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that only can be used for the purchase of grocery food items.
- New Jersey was approved to launch D-SNAP fully in 16 counties and by zip-code in two other counties. It will be available to residents in Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties.
- Only residents of Burlington zip codes: 08224, 08010, 08016, 08515, 08075, 08511, 08562, 08068, 07081, 08088, 07676, 08046, 08562; and the following zip codes in Cumberland: 08323, 08320, 08311, 08345, 08321, 08315, 08349, 08348, 08324, 08314, 08327, 08329, 08316 will be eligible for D-SNAP
- Residents of Camden, Gloucester and Salem – counties that were not as greatly affected by Hurricane Sandy - are **not** eligible for D-SNAP **at this time.**

- Current SNAP recipients from the 16 counties listed above **do not have to apply for this program** because they already have received a 30 percent October replacement allocation on their EBT card and will receive a supplemental benefit by December 7, 2012.
- Application rules and eligibility for D-SNAP have been modified based on lessons learned after Tropical Storm Irene in September 2011. **County office staff and elected officials should encourage residents to review the criteria carefully and only apply if they think they may be eligible in order to avoid long lines and unnecessary disappointment.**
 - **Enrollment for people is taking place according to the alphabet. This means that on the first day, for instance, each site will take applications for all potentially eligible people whose last name is A-F.**
- This year, strict criteria must be met in order for people to qualify. Under the new rules, applicants in the designated counties or zip codes must provide:
 - Identification and proof of residency – a driver’s license, for example, would serve as both.
 - Pay stubs and bank statements (cash, checking and savings) for the 30 days from October 28th through November 26th.
 - Income eligibility is a little over 225% of the federal poverty level.
 - Receipts that show more than \$100 spent on disaster-related expenses between October 28 and November 26. The cost of replacing food cannot be included in the \$100, but restaurant expenses are allowed.
 - Other expenses may include:
 - Temporary shelter in a motel
 - Home/business repairs
 - Evacuation expenses
 - Disaster clean up
 - Disaster related vehicle repairs
 - Gasoline for a generator

- Replacement of personal items, such as clothing or household items, such as appliances, tools, educational materials.

NOTE: If any of the purchases were charged to a credit card, the resident must be able to document that they paid the credit card bill for these items by November 26th.

- For county D-SNAP locations and hours of operation and other important enrollment information, go to www.njsnap.org.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART

Household Size	Disaster Income Limit	Allotment Amount
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 Member	+ \$384	+ \$150

2012 Income Guidelines (225% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines)			
Size of Family	Weekly Income	Monthly Income	Yearly Income
1	\$483	\$2,094	\$25,133
2	\$655	\$2,837	\$34,043
3	\$826	\$3,579	\$42,953
4	\$997	\$4,322	\$51,863
5	\$1,169	\$5,064	\$60,773

6	\$1,340	\$5,807	\$69,683
7	\$1,511	\$6,549	\$78,593
8	\$1,683	\$7,292	\$87,503