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HURRICANE SANDY: REPLACEMENT FOOD STAMPS

Almost two million New Yorkers receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, which are commonly referred to as Food Stamps.

What Can I Do If Food I Purchased with Food Stamps Went Bad During Hurricane Sandy?

The government will give current Food Stamp beneficiaries who live in certain zip codes an extra 50% of their monthly benefit amount to replace food that they lost during Hurricane Sandy. If you live in one of the following zip codes, you should automatically receive this benefit (Additional zip codes might be added during the coming weeks):

10001	10302	11220
10002	10303	11222
10003	10304	11223
10004	10305	11224
10005	10306	11229
10006	10307	11231
10007	10308	11232
10009	10309	11234
10010	10310	11235
10011	10312	11237
10012	10314	11238
10013	10451	11239
10014	10453	11244
10016	10454	11249
10018	10461	11251
10019	10464	11371
10023	10465	11378
10029	10473	11413
10036	10474	11414
10038	10475	11422
10039	11096	11691
10048	11101	11692
10069	11109	11693
10119	11201	11694
10128	11205	11695
10280	11211	11697
10282	11214	
10301	11215	

What Happens if I Do Not Automatically Receive the Replacement Food Stamps?

If you live in one of the above-listed zip codes and you do not automatically receive replacement Food Stamps, contact your local Food Stamp office. You can call find your local office by calling 1-800-342-3009 or by visiting http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/directory/food_stamp_centers.shtml.

What If I Lost More Than Half of the Food I Purchased with Food Stamps Last Month?

If you live in one of the above-listed zip codes and you lost more than half of the food that you purchased with Food Stamps during Hurricane Sandy, you can apply for additional replacement Food Stamps. In order to receive additional replacement benefits, you must:

- (1) report your total loss by November 28, 2012, and
- (2) submit a signed and completed "Request for Replacement of Food Purchased with Food Stamp Benefits" form by December 10, 2012.

You can request this form at your local Food Stamp office or you can find it at: <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/2291.pdf>. You can fax the form to 1-917-639-1111.

What Happens if I Do Not Live in One of the Above-Listed Zip Codes?

If you are a current Food Stamp beneficiary who does not live in one of the above-listed zip codes, you can apply for replacement benefits if you lost food due to Hurricane Sandy. In order to receive replacement benefits, you must:

- (1) report your total loss by November 28, 2012, and
- (2) submit a signed and completed "Request for Replacement of Food Purchased with Food Stamp Benefits" form by December 10, 2012.

You can request this form at your local Food Stamp office or you can find it at: <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/2291.pdf>. You can fax the form to 1-917-639-1111.

Can I Use My Food Stamps to Buy Hot and Prepared Foods?

Yes, if you live in New York City, you can use Food Stamps to buy hot and prepared foods until November 30, 2012.