

What is D-SNAP?

The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as D-SNAP or sometimes referred to as Disaster Food Stamps, is a 30 day food benefit for residents of storm areas that were not already receiving food stamp benefits when the storm hit. The benefit is designed to make things easier going forward into the recovery so that budgeting for food doesn't have to come at the expense of repairs. Somerset County has been approved to accept D-SNAP applications between January 7 and January 13, 2013. The program is administered federally by the United States Department of Agriculture and in Maryland by the Department of Human Resources. Funds are deposited on debit-like Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards and can be used for food items at approved EBT vendors including grocery stores and convenience stores.

What if I already get Food Supplement Program(FSP)/SNAP/Food Stamp benefits?

If you were receiving FSP benefits in October, 2012, you are not eligible for D-SNAP but may be eligible for a benefit supplement. For most people, as of January 5, 2012, this supplement has already been loaded on your EBT card and you do not need to apply for anything. If you were getting the maximum benefit for your household size (in column D below), you are not eligible for a supplement. Call the number on the back of your EBT card to check your balance. If you did not get a supplement and think you may be eligible, go to one of the D-SNAP application centers to talk to a DHR representative.

Am I eligible for D-SNAP?

Residents of Somerset County who suffered losses due to Hurricane Sandy may be eligible for D-SNAP, a 30 day food benefit for eligible storm victims who were not already receiving food stamp benefits when the hurricane hit. See the chart below for income guidelines. If your income and family size fall below these levels, you may be eligible for the maximum SNAP allotment, found in column D.

| Household Size | <u>Disaster Income Limit</u> (greater than \$100 in damages) For those with Disaster Related Expenses Equal to or Greater than \$100 | <u>Disaster Income Limit</u> (less than \$100 in damages) For those with Disaster Related Expenses Less than \$100 | Maximum SNAP Allotment |
|---------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| A | B | C | D |
| 1 | \$2,268 | \$1549 | \$200 |
| 2 | \$2,965 | \$1879 | \$367 |
| 3 | \$3,416 | \$2209 | \$526 |
| 4 | \$4,034 | \$2550 | \$668 |
| 5 | \$4,452 | \$2907 | \$793 |
| 6 | \$4,979 | \$3264 | \$952 |
| 7 | \$5,363 | \$3594 | \$1,052 |
| 8 | \$5,747 | \$3924 | \$1,202 |
| Each Additional Person | +\$384 | +\$330 | +\$150 |

How do I apply for D-SNAP?

The window for Somerset County Residents to apply for D-SNAP is between January 7 and January 13 and applications will be accepted at the Disaster Recovery Center, located in the Lower Somerset County Ambulance & Rescue Squad Building, 2 Mill Lane, in Crisfield, or at the Somerset DSS office, located at 30397 Mt. Vernon Road in Princess Anne. D-SNAP applications accepted 8 am - 7 pm Monday - Saturday and 1-5 pm Sunday.

What should I bring?

- Verification of identity such as: a photo ID, *or* two documents that verify identity and residency, *or* a signed affidavit from a collateral contact attesting to your identity
- Verification of residency such as: utility bills, tax bills, insurance policies, driver's licenses, other ID with address, bills, or other documents that establish the your home or work address
- Verification that you suffered a financial loss due to the storm such as: unreimbursed storm-related expenses (disaster-related: medical, funeral, moving, storage, temporary shelter, property protection, and food loss expenses); loss of wages; or loss of home or loss of place of business, if self employed (estimates of damage, notice of condemned building)
- Verification of income for the 30 day period after 10/28/12