



NJ FAMILIES

Ways to Still Get Food Assistance When SNAP Benefits are Stopped on November 1, 2025 by the Federal Government Shutdown:

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Have your child make the most of free school meals during the week.

All children in families receiving benefits from NJ SNAP are automatically eligible to receive free school meals – they do not need to fill out an application. They simply need to go to the school cafeteria for lunch as usual. If your school also serves breakfast, that is another free school meal for your student. Students who do not currently receive free school meals should contact their school district to complete an application. To learn more about the program, visit [this link](#).

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Use NJ 2-1-1 to locate food pantries in your area.

A number of pantries offer fresh produce in addition to stable, non-perishable foods, shopping appointments, and information about additional services that can be beneficial. Scan the code at right to go to the NJ 2-1-1 website, or dial 2-1-1, or text your zip code to 898-211 for help.



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