



November SNAP Benefits FAQ

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I received information that my SNAP benefits for November will be delayed. Is this true?

Yes, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received notification from the federal government's Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Nutrition Services (FNS) that because of the federal government shutdown, there may be a delay with November SNAP benefits.

How many months will benefits be impacted?

Currently, there is only an expected delay for November benefits. MDHHS will continue to monitor the situation.

When the federal government shutdown ends, will I still receive my November SNAP benefits?

Yes, once FNS notifies MDHHS that they are legally allowed to release November SNAP benefits, they will be loaded on your EBT card.

Can I still apply for SNAP benefits during the federal government shutdown?

Yes, households should continue submitting applications. MDHHS specialists will continue to process SNAP redeterminations and case changes.

Am I still able to use the current funds on my EBT cards in November?

Yes, you can use any SNAP funds that are already on your EBT card.

I've heard that the State of Michigan might be able to use its funds temporarily to cover SNAP benefits?

The USDA has notified states that, despite their willingness, states cannot cover the cost of benefits and be reimbursed.

What can I do to prepare for the delay in November benefits?

Call 2-1-1 or visit MI211.org/foodassistance for more information. A list of local food resources is also included on the back side of this flyer.

Kalamazoo County Food Resources

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Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

901 Portage St, Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes offers daily food assistance through a network of pantries, home delivery, and mobile food distributions.

Website: kzoolf.org Email: info@kzoolf.org
Phone: 269-343-3663

Twelve Baskets

10332 Portage Rd, Portage

Twelve Baskets offers weekly food distributions on Fridays and Saturdays, depending on the week.

Website: twelve-baskets.org Phone: 269-532-4912
Email: twelvebaskets10332@gmail.com

South Michigan Food Bank

Kalamazoo County
locations vary

South Michigan Food Bank provides food to a number of pantries throughout Kalamazoo County. They also offer several Fresh Food Distributions. Search by Kalamazoo County on their website to find local resources.

Website: smfoodbank.org/getfood/findfood/
Phone: 269-964-3663

Westwood Food Pantry

538 Nichols Rd, Kalamazoo

Westwood Food Pantry offers two Saturday distributions monthly.

Website: westwood-umc.org/wumc-food-pantry/
Phone: 269-254-6394

ValleyGroceries

2500 Vincent, Portage

ValleyGroceries is a weekly distribution, on Tuesdays, at Valley Family Church.

Website: valleyfamilychurch.org/localoutreach
Phone: 269-324-5599

Gryphon Place 2-1-1

2-1-1 is a one-stop source that provides 24/7, free and confidential assistance. They can connect you with smaller food programs not listed above as well as other basic needs.

Website: <https://www.gryphon.org/211>
Phone: 2-1-1 Text: 898-211 (text zip code)

Targeted Food Programs

There are several charitable food providers who serve specific groups, including WMU Montgomery Essential Needs Program, KVCC ValleyShare and Christian Neighbors. Contact 2-1-1 or the organizations directly for more information.