Food Resource Plan During Federal SNAP Benefits Pause

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 - SNAP Double Bucks at Farmer's Markets
 - Food Assistance Cards
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SNAP During The Federal Government Shutdown

<u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):</u> Financial assistance for food to households with limited income and resources

In Mecklenburg County:*

- 138,500 SNAP recipients (September 2025)
- \$175 per household per month (average amount)
- \$24 million per month in total SNAP benefits

SNAP benefits were suspended beginning November 1 due to the Federal Government Shutdown

The USDA <u>plans to utilize</u> its contingency fund to cover 50% of the November benefit allotment for FNS households







Reduced SNAP Allotment for 48 States and D.C.

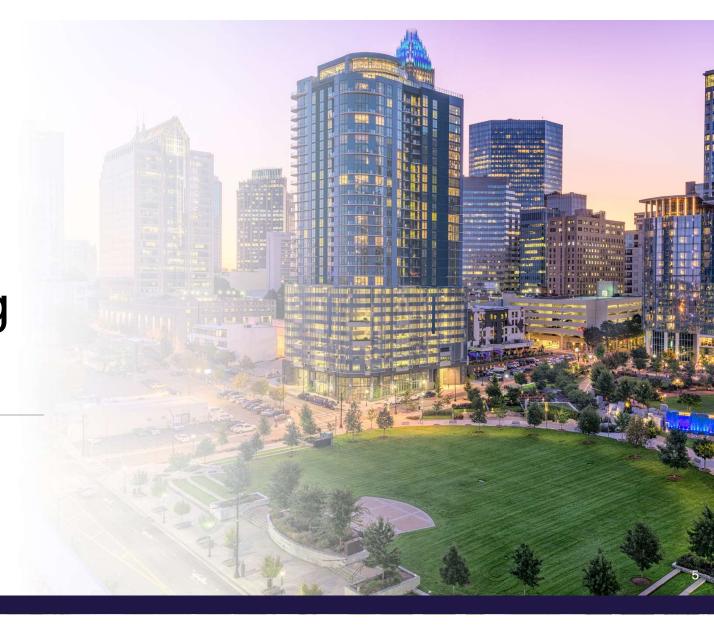
November 2025

Household Size	Normal Max Amounts (\$)	Reduced Max Amounts (\$)
1	298	149
2	546	273
3	785	392
4	994	497
5	1,183	591
6	1,421	710
7	1,571	785
8	1,789	894
Each additional person	218	109

Source: USDA Food and Nutrition Service



Addressing the Need in Mecklenburg County





Expanded Food Pantry Resources

28,000 additional 7-day food boxes available via Nourish Up across the community

Additional food for Meck County mini-pantries:

- Valerie C. Woodard Community Resource Center 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28208
- Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center 430 Stitt Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28213
- Catherine M. Wilson Center
 301 Billingsley Road Charlotte, N.C. 28211





Farmers Market Vouchers and Food Assistance Cards

Special one-time \$50 local farmers market vouchers will be provided to eligible SNAP households

• Up to 2,000 vouchers total

\$50 food-only gift cards to any resident newly approved for emergency SNAP benefits

Up to 400 per week





Food Distribution for Seniors and Thanksgiving Holiday

Expanded mobile market food distribution for SNAP-eligible seniors:

- Additional food supply and service time
- Serving an additional 250 seniors

Thanksgiving holiday turkey distribution:

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center

Serving about 1,000 households





Food Resources and Fund Drive

Food collection boxes at designated Park and Recreation Centers and Library locations to support local food pantries:

- Northern Regional Recreation Center
- Eastway Regional Recreation Center
- Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library
- South County Regional Library
- University City Regional Library



NEW online portal for monetary donations to benefit Nourish Up - NourishUp.org/Meck-Cares



Additional Resources in Mecklenburg County

- United Way's NC 211
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina
- Nourish Up
- Hearts & Hands Food Pantry
- Hope Street Food Pantry
- Feeding Charlotte
- Ada Jenkins Center
- Angels & Sparrows
- Christ the King Food Pantry
- The Park Church



Other resources and information can be found at MeckNC.gov



Next Steps

- Await Federal and State guidance on the status of SNAP funding
- Monitor the level of food resource utilization and ongoing need
- Advocate for an end to the government shutdown and fully fund the SNAP program
- Continue accepting, processing, and determining eligibility for SNAP applications and renewals





Questions



