

Food Resource Plan During Federal SNAP Benefits Pause

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Agenda

- **SNAP Benefits During the Federal Government Shutdown**
- **Food Resource Plan**
 - Increased Food Pantry Resources
 - SNAP Double Bucks at Farmer's Markets
 - Food Assistance Cards
 - Food Distribution for Seniors and Thanksgiving
 - Food Resource and Fund Drive
- **Next Steps**



SNAP During The Federal Government Shutdown

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 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 plans to utilize 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



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Addressing the Need in Mecklenburg County



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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



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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



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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](https://www.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



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Questions

