

There's Help for Proviso Residents Impacted by Flooding



USDA's Food and Nutrition Services has authorized the Illinois Department of Human Services to offer a special Disaster SNAP benefits for residents of 7 counties declared federal disaster areas as a result of flooding in late July.

August 30 - September 3rd 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM each day.

Areas Affected:

Cook, zip codes of: 60016, 60068, 60076, 60103, 60104, 60107, 60130, 60131, 60133, 60153, 60154, 60155, 60160, 60162, 60163, 60164, 60165, 60171, 60176, 60302, 60304, 60305, 60402, 60406, 60409, 60411, 60419, 60422, 60425, 60426, 60428, 60429, 60430, 60438, 60443, 60453, 60455, 60458, 60459, 60461, 60466, 60471, 60472, 60473, 60478, 60501, 60513, 60525, 60526, 60534, 60546, 60558, 60607, 60608, 60609, 60612, 60615, 60616, 60617, 60618, 60619, 60620, 60621, 60622, 60623, 60624, 60628, 60629, 60630, 60632, 60633, 60634, 60636, 60637, 60638, 60639, 60641, 60642, 60643, 60644, 60647, 60649, 60651, 60652, 60653, 60655, 60659, 60707, 60803, 60804, 60805, 60827

DuPage, zip codes of: 60101, 60103, 60106, 60108, 60126, 60133, 60137, 60139, 60143, 60148, 60157, 60172, 60181, 60185, 60187, 60188, 60189, 60521, 60523, 60559

Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago: only for designated areas that were affected.

Disaster SNAP Benefits

Disaster SNAP benefits will be provided to families based on total income and assets available to a household during the disaster. Non-reimbursed disaster-related expenses are allowed as a deduction from income and assets. A qualifying 2 person family with net income less than \$1815 would receive \$367 and a one person household with net income less than \$1503 would receive \$200. Most benefits will be available within 3 days of the date of application.

SNAP benefits can be used to purchase food for human consumption, but cannot be used to buy alcoholic drinks, tobacco products or non-food products. Benefits must be used within 90 days.

Who Qualifies

Illinois residents who lived or worked in a disaster area within one of these counties at the time of the disaster may qualify for this special program. To qualify, persons must have had damage to home or business, disaster-related expenses not reimbursed, or loss or reduction of income during the period 7/22/10 through 8/20/10.

Persons receiving regular SNAP benefits that were affected by the disaster may also apply for this special program. They may qualify for additional SNAP benefits to bring their benefit level up to the maximum benefit amount for the month of the disaster.

Where to Apply

Special applications for the Disaster SNAP benefits are available at certain Illinois Department of Human Services offices known as Family Community Resource Centers (FCRCs) (see the listing below of office addresses/contact information) located in the following counties that were designated as federal disaster areas: Cook, Carroll, DuPage, JoDavies, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago.

When to Apply

Applications will be accepted on **weekdays from Monday, August 30 through Friday September 3rd from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM** each day. Those applying must apply at one of the designated offices and complete a paper application.

What to Bring to Apply

Applicants must bring

1. proof of their identity **and**
2. proof of their residence **or** job in a disaster area prior to the disaster.

Special Considerations

Persons committing fraud with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP) may be disqualified from the program, may be fined up to \$250,000 and put in prison up to 20 years or both.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, the Illinois Department of Human Services is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability.

FCRC Contact Information by County

Cook

West Suburban

2701 West Lake Street
Melrose Park, IL 60160-3800

Phone: (708) 338-7600