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## **DISASTER SNAP PROGRAM BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR “DERECHO” VICTIMS IN THE FOUR HARDEST HIT COUNTIES**

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR) announced today that residents who lived in Fayette, Kanawha, Nicholas and Raleigh counties during the June 29 storm may be eligible for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefits. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the WV DHHR have approved D-SNAP benefits for storm-affected residents of these counties.

Residents of affected counties who would not be eligible under the regular SNAP rules may qualify temporarily if:

- their home or belongings were damaged or destroyed,
- they had un-reimbursed disaster-related expenses,
- if they had a loss or reduction of income as a result of the disaster.

Some residents who currently receive SNAP may be eligible for supplemental benefits.

Applicants must bring:

- photo proof of identity such as a driver's license or other picture ID,
- documentation of residence in the affected county at the time of disaster,
- verification of all income received during June 29, 2012 – July 28, 2012,
- verification of assets such as checking and savings accounts,
- verification of all disaster related expenses.

Eligibility will be determined based on the household net income. To determine net income the following formula is used:

**Available Income + Cash on Hand + Accessible Bank Accounts -  
Unreimbursed Disaster-related Expenses = Net Income.**

Other assets, such as homes and automobiles, are not included in the net income eligibility determination.

D-SNAP allowable net income guidelines are listed in the following chart:

<b>Number of Household Members</b>	<b>Allowable Net Income</b>
1	1514
2	1832
3	2151
4	2477
5	2821
6	3167
7	3485
8	3803
9	4122
10	4441

Most benefits will be available within one day of the date of application. D-SNAP benefits can be used to purchase food for human consumption, but cannot be used to buy alcoholic beverages, tobacco or non-food items. Benefits must be used within 120 days. Persons who purposely provide false information on a D-SNAP application may be denied benefits and legal action may be taken.

All D-SNAP applications will be checked for duplication. If you violate the D-SNAP rules, you may be disqualified from the program, fined up to \$250,000 and/or put in jail for up to 20 years.

**For additional information, please contact DHHR's Customer Service Center at 877-716-1212 and Client Services at 800-642-8589.** Applications for D-SNAP benefits will be accepted at the following locations beginning October 1, 2012.

Fayette County: Falls View – Starting Points Center  
Rt. 60, Falls View WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meadow Bridge Fire Station  
Rt. 20, Meadow Bridge WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Kanawha County: Schoenbaum Family Enrichment Center  
1701 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 1, Charleston WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Coonskin National Guard Armory  
1703 Coonskin Drive, Charleston WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
6823 Sissonville Road, Charleston WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Nicholas County: City of Richwood City Hall  
6 White Ave, Richwood WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Raleigh County: Bradley-Prosperity Fire Department  
5950 Robert C Byrd Drive, Beckley WV  
Hours: Monday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Beaver Fire Department  
147 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Beaver WV  
Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Trap Hill Fire Department  
765 Bolt Road, Fairdale WV  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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## **D-SNAP BENEFITS FACT SHEET**

### **General:**

Eligibility for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (D-SNAP) benefits is decided on a household basis. Households residing in the declared disaster area (Fayette, Kanawha, Nicholas, and Raleigh) that meet income guidelines qualify for issuance of D-SNAP benefits. D-SNAP can be used to purchase approved food items at designated retailers.

### **Applying for D-SNAP Benefits:**

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Applicants must file for D-SNAP with a specially designated application site. For location information of application sites, applicants may call the Department of Health and Human

Resources Customer Services Center (DHHR CSC) at 1-877-716-1212 or Client Services 1-800-642-8589. Once the D-SNAP application is received an Eligibility Worker will conduct an interview with the applicant.

*All DHHR employees will be reviewed for integrity by the Office of Inspector General.*

**Eligibility Rules:**

Households already receiving SNAP benefits as well as non-recipients households may be eligible for D-SNAP benefits if they reside in the disaster area and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Their home or self-employment property was damaged or destroyed by the disaster,
- They had un-reimbursed disaster-related expenses,
- They had a loss or reduction of income as a result of the disaster.
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**D-SNAP Income Guidelines**

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