

# **Federal Government Shutdown and SNAP Benefits**

## **September 26, 2025**

A federal government shutdown will not immediately impact SNAP benefits in New York State. SNAP households will continue to receive SNAP benefits as normal through the end of October 2025. Please read below for more information.

### **How will the federal government shutdown affect my SNAP benefits?**

The federal government shutdown will have no impact on **September or October** 2025 SNAP benefits. SNAP recipients will continue to receive their regular, ongoing benefits on a normal schedule through the end of **October** 2025.

### **Can I still apply for SNAP during the shutdown if I don't already receive SNAP benefits?**

Yes. New York State Local Departments of Social Services are open. You may still apply at your [local office](#), or online at [mybenefits.ny.gov](https://mybenefits.ny.gov).

If you live in New York City (NYC), you can apply online at [ACCESS HRA](#) or in-person at an Human Resources Administration (HRA) [SNAP center](#).

### **Are there any restrictions on using SNAP benefits during the shutdown?**

No. Your Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card will continue to work normally, and you can use your benefits at any [participating retailer](#) or farmers market. SNAP benefits are available on your EBT card for 274 days from the date they are issued. You can check your SNAP benefit balance by visiting [ebtEDGE.com](https://ebtEDGE.com) or by calling **1-888-328-6399**.

### **Do I have to continue to meet all SNAP requirements during the shutdown?**

Yes. You are still required to recertify, complete periodic reports, report changes and respond to requests from your local department of social services or NYC HRA as usual.

### **What if I am due to recertify for SNAP and haven't sent in my completed recertification yet?**

You must do so as soon as possible. SNAP recertification applications can be:

- submitted online at [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](https://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) or in NYC at [ACCESS HRA](#),
- dropped off (in-person),
- mailed,
- or faxed to your local [department of social services](#) or [SNAP center](#).

### **What will happen to November 2025 SNAP benefits if the shutdown continues past October?**

OTDA has not yet received information from the federal government about November SNAP benefits but will provide updates at [otda.ny.gov](https://otda.ny.gov) as more information becomes available.

### **Does the federal government shutdown affect Summer EBT benefits?**

No. Families continue to have 122 days to use benefits from the date they are issued. For more information visit: [Summer EBT](#).