



Background:

Beginning November 1, 2025, the federal government will no longer issue any new federal SNAP (CalFresh in California) payments, due to the ongoing government shutdown. Over twenty states, including California, are currently suing the Trump Administration over their decision to withhold SNAP benefits.

To prevent widespread food insecurity, California allocated **\$80M in state funds to assist food banks** with food distribution and offset federal CalFresh dollars

In Alameda County, there are around 179,000 county residents who utilize CalFresh benefits. In late October, the **Alameda County Board of Supervisors directed approximately \$10M in additional funding for local programs to feed residents**. Of the \$10M, \$8.3M will go to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, and \$1.7M will be allotted for senior residents.

Update:

Two federal judges ruled Friday, October 31, that President Donald Trump's administration must continue to fund Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) during the government shutdown, using contingency funds.

LINK → <https://www.newsweek.com/snap-benefits-november-food-stamps-live-updates-10973162>

Resources:

County Resources:

- Call or Text 2-1-1: Connect with a Community Resource Specialist and access to food, transportation, affordable housing, etc.
- Alameda County Community Food Bank: (510) 635-3663
 - Link → <https://www.accfb.org/>
- Alameda County Social Services Agency: (510) 263-2420
 - Link → <https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/index>
- Full list of available resources:
 - Link → <https://a18.asmdc.org/food-assistance-resources>

Emergency Food Resources for Families:

- [City of Fremont Central FRC](#): 510-574-2000
- [Union City Family Center](#): (510) 476-2770
- [City Serve at Livermore Multi-Service Center](#): (925) 373-5389
- [La Familia Fuller Neighborhood Resource Center](#): (510) 954-0560
- [HUSD HUB Parent Center](#): (510) 723-3857
- [San Leandro USD Barbara Lee Center](#): (510) 618-4480
- [OUSD Central Family Resource Center](#): (510) 273-1516
- [Alameda Family Services](#): (510) 629-6300
- City Food Pantries
 - [San Leandro](#)
 - [San Lorenzo/Cherryland/Ashland](#)



- [Hayward](#)
- [Berkeley](#)

Q&A:

How long will this last?

We don't know. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has indicated that SNAP payments will restart once the U.S. Congress and the White House end the government shutdown or if there is a temporary funding deal that allows SNAP benefits to resume.

Can CalFresh recipients use leftover funds on their EBT cards?

Yes. Any money that is already loaded onto EBT cards may be used.

Will CalFresh recipients receive their missed money after the government reopens?

Unknown. The USDA has not indicated any plans to retroactively fund or reimburse SNAP benefits missed during the federal government shutdown.

What is California's Response?

To prevent widespread food insecurity, California allocated \$80M in state funds to assist food banks with food distribution and offset federal CalFresh dollars. Governor Gavin Newsom also mobilized support to the food banks to help deliver and distribute meals to the most vulnerable.

What is Alameda County's Response?

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