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Ohio extends replacement deadline for Ohio SNAP recipients who lost food due to September 27 power outage

Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder today announced that Ohio has extended the deadline for food assistance recipients to request replacement benefits for food lost due to the recent power outages caused by storms that hit Ohio on September 27.

“We have secured a federal waiver that increases the window for seeking reimbursement of food benefits from 10 to 30 days, for those who lost power in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene,” said Damschroder. “SNAP recipients who lost food due to a power outage of at least four hours can apply for replacement benefits through October 27, 2024.”

Food assistance is provided in Ohio through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is administered by ODJFS through County Departments of Job and Family Services. Households that lose food purchased with SNAP benefits due to a power outage of at least four hours can apply to receive replacement SNAP benefits for food the household lost (e.g. perishable items such as fresh meat and dairy), as long as it does not exceed their monthly allotment.

The change was made possible after ODJFS successfully secured a waiver from USDA Food and Nutrition Services which established SNAP guidelines.

With this change, impacted households now have up to 30 days (until October 27, 2024) after the loss to complete [JFS Form 07222](#) submit it to their [County Department of Job and Family](#)





Mike DeWine, Governor | Jon Husted, Lt. Governor | Matt Damschroder, Director

[Services](#) (CDJFS). The CDJFS will have to verify the extended power outage before replacing benefits. Households should be prepared to provide verification of the extended power outage. This includes screen shots of news reports, text or email alerts, or outage maps that show their specific area was without power for four hours or more.

To determine if a SNAP recipient is eligible for replacement benefits, the CDJFS follows reimbursement criteria provided in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 5101: 4-7-11 established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, adult protective services, and child support services.

