



Federal Government Shutdown FAQs

Why will I not receive my November SNAP benefits?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administered through the Florida Department of Children and Families is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a federal agency whose funding is affected by the federal government shutdown. Until federal funding resumes, Floridians will not receive SNAP benefits.

Will I receive my October 2025 SNAP benefits?

October 2025 SNAP benefits will be issued as scheduled for eligible Floridians, and there are no anticipated impacts to October benefits being issued. The Department is continuing to process all applications and renewals received.

Can I use the existing balance on my EBT card?

Yes, your existing SNAP benefits can be used, and you can check your EBT card balance anytime by visiting ebtEDGE.com.

When will I be able to receive SNAP benefits again?

The Department is monitoring the federal government shutdown closely and will notify you as soon as we can resume issuing benefits.

I received a notice that I was approved for November benefits, will I receive those benefits on my EBT card?

No, the Department is continuing to process applications and renewals during the shutdown, so you may receive notices about your November eligibility, but you will not receive November benefits deposited to your EBT card at this time.

I just applied for SNAP; will my application still be processed?

Yes, the Department will continue to accept and process applications, but you will not receive November benefits deposited to your EBT card during this time.

What should I do if I have a pending application or renewal?

The Department will continue to process applications and renewals as normal. Please do not resubmit an application as it may slow down the processing of your benefits.

Will I have to reapply for SNAP when the government shutdown ends?

No, the Department will continue to process applications and renewals during the shutdown. Reapplying may slow down the processing of your benefits.

I received a notice that my food assistance is up for renewal during the government shutdown, should I still renew?

Yes, all SNAP renewal requirements are still in effect during the shutdown, please complete your renewal when it is due. You may receive notices about your November eligible benefit amount, but you will not receive any November benefits deposited to your EBT card until funding is available.

Will my Medicaid and Temporary Cash Assistance be impacted?

No, Florida's Medicaid and Temporary Cash Assistance are not impacted by the federal government shutdown at this time.