

## About Legal Services of North Florida (LSNF)

Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. provides free legal assistance to eligible low-income persons in civil matters (we do not provide legal assistance in criminal or traffic matters).

LSNF offers free educational seminars and informational brochures regarding the areas of law we practice. Call your local office (listed on the back of this brochure) for further information.

This brochure is for general education only. It is not intended to be used to solve *individual problems*. If you have specific questions, see an attorney. LSNF offices are listed on the back of this brochure.

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& Liberty Counties:

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Quincy, FL 32351  
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& Washington Counties:

211 East 11th Street  
Panama City, FL 32401  
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133 Staff Drive, NE  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548  
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**Online at [www.lsnf.org](http://www.lsnf.org)**

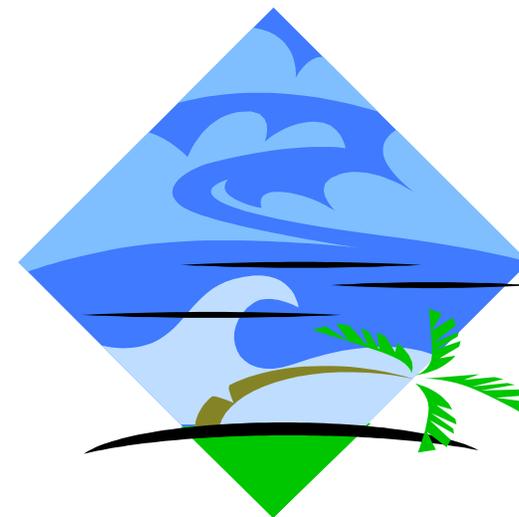
**Legal Aid Disaster Hotline:  
1-866-550-2929**

**FEMA Assistance:  
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**



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## Food Assistance After a Disaster



## Who Is Eligible for Food Assistance After a Disaster

After a disaster, there are 3 different kinds of Food Assistance that you may be able to get:



- Replacement Food Assistance to replace lost or spoiled food;
- Disaster Food Assistance because you were caught in the disaster; and
- Expedited Food Assistance because you are in immediate need.

Depending on your circumstances and the kind of Food Assistance that are made available, you may be eligible for only one kind, or you may be eligible for two kinds, all three, or none. Here is a description of the three kinds of Food Assistance and how you can qualify.

### Replacement Food Assistance

#### **1. I am getting Food Assistance, but all my food spoiled when the power went out during the disaster. What can I do?**

You are eligible for Replacement Food Assistance to help you replace the spoiled food. Please contact your case worker or someone else at your local office of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or call **1-866-762-2237** for more information on how to apply.

**DCF SNAP benefit forms to:  
FAX 1-866-762-2237 or email  
HQW.Access@Myflfamilies.com**

### Disaster Food Assistance

#### **1. What is Disaster Food Assistance?**

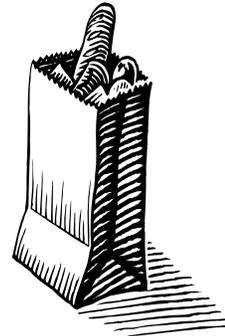
The federal government can decide to give out Disaster Food Assistance when grocery stores are open for business again, after a disaster has kept food from being delivered to them.

#### **2. Who is eligible for Disaster Food Assistance?**

That depends on what the government decides after each disaster. Households in the disaster area may be eligible for Disaster Food Assistance even if they would usually not be eligible for Food Assistance.

#### **3. How do I apply for Disaster Food Assistance?**

Call DCF's toll-free number at **1-866-762-2237** to find out where to apply, or contact your local Disaster Recovery Center. You may also be able to apply on-line at [www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/](http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/) Be sure to tell DCF that you are applying for Disaster Food Assistance.



### Expedited Food Assistance

#### **1. What are Expedited Food Assistance?**

Expedited Food Assistance are for very needy people, and are given within 7 days after they apply. When you apply for regular Food Assistance, you will be asked questions to see if you qualify for expedited Food Assistance.

#### **2. How do I know if I am eligible for Expedited Food Assistance?**

To be eligible for expedited Food Assistance you must show either that:

- A. Your household has less than \$150 in monthly income before taxes and \$100 or less in cash and in bank accounts; or
- B. You are a migrant or seasonal farmworker household with less than \$100 in cash and you will not be getting any more income during the month you apply; or
- C. Your household's monthly rent or mortgage and utilities are more than your combined monthly income before taxes and the amount you have in cash and bank accounts.

#### **3. Are immigrants eligible for expedited Food Assistance?**

Refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, lawful permanent residents (green card holders) with 40 quarters of work in the U.S., members of federally recognized Indian tribes, veterans, members of the armed services, and U.S. citizens are eligible.

#### **4. What verification do I need to get expedited Food Assistance?**

You must be able to verify that you are who you say you are by showing documents with your name on them, or by having someone say they know you.

#### **5. Do I have to meet any other eligibility requirements?**

You will be asked for verification of your immigration status, your social security number, your income and your expenses at the time you apply. But even if you cannot give all of the verification, you will be eligible for expedited Food Assistance within 7 days af-