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Benefits Opened for Harris County Residents Affected by Hurricane Harvey

Residents of Harris County who suffered loss or damage from Hurricane Harvey have another resource available to them. Texas Health and Human Services announced it will roll out disaster food relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey to residents in Harris County starting Friday, Sept. 22 and will run through Oct. 5.

The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) is available to residents of Harris County that were not receiving benefits through regular SNAP at the time of the disaster. Individuals may be eligible if they suffered damage to their home or business, loss of income or disaster-related expenses, including home repairs, temporary shelter or evacuation expenses. The program is specifically designed to help individuals and families affected by a natural disaster that have returned to their homes and have access to grocery stores but could use an extra boost to pay for food.

“This is an important resource that can really help Harris County residents that are trying to get back on their feet after the storm,” said Megan Hoag, Houston Regional Director of Baylor University’s Texas Hunger Initiative, “We want to make sure that people know this resource exists and they might qualify for it. It’s specifically designed for people who would not normally qualify for SNAP and who experience hardship after a disaster, so I’d encourage people to look into it.”

To apply, individuals must visit a designated D-SNAP location and present proof of identity such as a driver’s license or government issued I.D. If individuals’ IDs were lost or destroyed in the storm, they can present an affidavit verifying county of residence. D-SNAP applications will only be accepted from September 22 – October 5. People can apply on specific dates based on the first letter of their last name. Eligible individuals will receive benefits within three days of applying and will receive two months of benefits that can be used to buy food.

Application sites:

[Harris County - Houston](#)

Greenspoint Mall
12300 North Fwy
Houston, TX 77060

[Harris County - Houston](#)

Southwest Multi-Service Center
6400 High Star
Houston, TX 77074

[Harris County - Pasadena](#)

Pasadena Convention Center
7902 Fairmont
Pasadena, TX 77505

Residents in Harris County may only apply between Sept. 22 and Oct. 5. Locations will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Application dates are based on last name

Date	First letter of last name
Sept. 22, 27	A - C
Sept. 23, 28	D - H
Sept. 24, 29	I - M
Sept. 25, 30	N - R
Sept. 26, Oct. 1	S - Z
Oct. 2-5	Anyone

For more information about D-SNAP, individuals can call 2-1-1 and select option 6. For information in Spanish, call 2-1-1 and select option 2. Information is also available in other languages by calling 2-1-1 and selecting option 0.