

# SNAP IN THE SHUTDOWN

SNAP benefits will be suspended starting November 1, 2025 and the federal government is currently saying to expect them to remain suspended for the duration of the shutdown.

## How can you help?

- Call your congressional delegates and let them know this is not acceptable. Find your legislators here: <https://www.oklegislature.gov/findmylegislature.aspx>
- Donate to a local food pantry. Reach out first and find out what they need most. It could be cash!
- Find a way to spend dollars at your local grocer that will benefit SNAP recipients.
- Make sure your neighbors know about [www.DoubleUpOklahoma.org](http://www.DoubleUpOklahoma.org) to help maximize the SNAP dollars they have right now.
- Help with Thanksgiving dinner giveaways. It may feel a long way off - but what is happening now is really going to make that hard for some of our neighbors.
- Direct people who are seeking food resources to 2-1-1. They have the most comprehensive and up-to-date resources.
- The SNAP Hotline (877-760-0114) can help people apply for SNAP even during the shutdown so folks can get their applications processed as soon as the shutdown ends.

## What you need to know:

### **1. SNAP is vital to Oklahoma's economy and families.**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) supports close to 700,000 Oklahomans and contributes \$120 million a month into our state economy. That money flows through local grocery stores and food retailers, keeping communities strong and local economies moving.

### **2. Benefits already on SNAP cards will remain available.**

Oklahomans can continue to use their existing SNAP benefits after November 1. However, no new benefits will be added until federal funds are released, meaning many families will soon face empty balances.

### **3. DUO will still be redeemable after Nov. 1.**

DUO funds are valid for up to 60 days after they are awarded. DUO can be earned as long as SNAP benefits are used for purchases up to \$20/day.

### **4. Charities cannot fill this \$120M gap, but they can soften the blow.**

Food banks and pantries play an essential role in Oklahoma's hunger safety net, but for every nine meals SNAP provides, the charitable food system provides only one. No amount of donated food or emergency aid can replace the scale of federal SNAP benefits.

### **5. The only comprehensive solution is to release SNAP dollars.**

The shutdown has created a crisis that directly affects families and local economies. The most urgent and effective way to prevent further harm is for the federal government to release SNAP funding immediately.