

Impacts of Federal Government Shutdown on CalFresh Food



CalFresh food benefits will be delayed starting November 1, 2025, affecting about 130,000 Santa Clara County residents.

What is happening?

The federal government shutdown began on October 1, 2025. As a result, CalFresh Food benefits will be delayed in November. CalFresh Food benefits, also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), are used to buy groceries at participating vendors, which include most grocery and convenience stores, many farmers markets, and select online retailers.

Who is affected?

About 130,000 Santa Clara County residents use CalFresh Food benefits to help pay for groceries.

25%

are children and youth

45%

are ages 18-64

30%

are older adults age 65+



What can I do?

Keep updated on the latest news by visiting:
cdss.ca.gov or ssa.santaclearacounty.gov

If you need emergency groceries:

Second Harvest Food Bank

1-800-984-3663



Scan or visit: www.shfb.org

2-1-1 of Santa Clara County

By phone dial 2-1-1

Santa Clara County Community Resource Guide

 SSA.SantaClaraCounty.gov/CRG

What can I do to help?

Donate to Second Harvest Food Bank.
\$1 pays for 2 meals.
www.shfb.org/donate

Scan to donate

