Many families are already aware that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are being suspended as a result of the federal government shut down. As of November 1, 2025 the food portion of the benefit will not be received by families. State agencies have sent communication to SNAP recipients about this. In times of critical need, there are options still available for families to get assistance with food...

FDPIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM/USDA COMMODITIES

For on-reservation current SNAP recipients, it may be an option to close your SNAP case (by October 31st, 2025) and then apply for FDPIR to receive commodity food.

To apply for the Commodities program with HHS, contact:

- Aiyanna Weyaus, Food Distribution Program Aide 320-532-7880
- Daniel Boyd, FDPIR Warehouse Supervisor 320-630-3530
- Dean Reynolds, Emergency Services Director 320-362-4672

FOOD SHELVES

The Mille Lacs Band has multiple food shelf sites available to Band member families and can call to set up an appointment:

- Travis Turgeon, Emergency Services Office Manager 320-982-0854
- Dean Reynolds, Emergency Services Director 320-362-4672

Minnesota Food Shelf Directory <u>www.hungersolutions.org/find-help</u>

OTHER OPTIONS

Fare For All <u>www.thefoodgroupmn.org/groceries/fare-for-all</u>
Fare For All buys fresh produce and frozen meat in bulk. Volunteers bundle it into \$10 – \$35 packages that are sold at pop-up locations across Minnesota.

Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry <u>www.rubyspantry.org</u>
There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$25 cash bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries.

Minnesota Food Helpline: 1-888-711-1151 • Monday-Friday 10am-5pm



OTHER EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES

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For eligibility info, a complete list of services, or to apply go to www.aanji.org