

VIRGINIA SNAP UPDATE

On October 23, 2025, Virginia Governor, Glenn Youngkin, declared a State of Emergency to protect Virginian's whose SNAP will be affected due to the federal shutdown.

On October 28, 2025, Gov. Youngkin held a press conference to provide an announcement regarding SNAP and emergency food assistance. See details below.

VIRGINIA EMERGENCY NUTRITION ASSISTANCE (VENA)

Governor Youngkin explained that since the state isn't able to fund directly into the SNAP program, his administration has created a parallel food assistance program, Virginia Emergency Nutrition Assistance.

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If the federal government shutdown has not ended by November 1, 2025, VENA will begin on November 3, 2025

VENA FUNDING WILL BE ISSUED
DIRECTLY TO
YOUR CURRENT SNAP EBT CARD

An important change to note for SNAP recipients is that VENA will be funded on a weekly basis rather than once a month.

VENA SCHEDULE FOR SNAP ISSUANCE

IF VENA FOOD ASSISTANCE BEGINS NOVEMBER 3", SNAP BENEFITS WILL BE ISSUED **WEEKLY** TO CURRENT RECIPIENTS OF SNAP IN VIRGINIA THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

BENEFIT ISSUANCE	<i>Normal Issuance is 1st of the month</i>	<i>Normal Issuance is 4th of the month</i>	<i>Normal Issuance is 7th of the month</i>
VENA WEEK 1	25% of allotment on Nov. 3rd	25% of allotment on Nov. 5th	25% of allotment on Nov. 7th
WEEKLY SCHEDULE (after week 1)	25% of allotment on Monday	25% of allotment on Wednesday	25% of allotment on Friday

NEED HELP FINDING FOOD?

If you are significantly impacted by this change and need help accessing food, please reach out to one of the following community resources:

- <https://211virginia.org>
- <https://Piedmontfeeds.org/>
- <https://foodfinder.brafb.org>
- <https://www.ststephensculpeper.net/culpeper-food-closet/>

For questions or additional information, please reach out to
your caseworker or contact our agency:
Culpeper Department of Social Services
540-727-0372