Notice to all SNAP Recipients

Important! Please Read!

Beginning October 1, 2026, some items used to figure the amount of SNAP benefits a household gets will change. These changes are a result of **federally-required** changes to the following standards and deductions.

- The Standard Deduction for households of one to three persons will be $217.
- The Standard Deduction for households of four persons will be $229.
- The Standard Deduction for households of five persons will be $268.
- The Standard Deduction for households of six persons or more will be $308.
- The SNAP Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction will be $769.
- The SNAP Maximum Homeless Shelter Deduction will be $205.66.

Standard Utility Allowance October 1, 2026

Type of SUA	NYC Old SUA	NYC New SUA	Nassau/ Suffolk Old SUA	Nassau/Suffolk New SUA	Rest of State Old SUA	Rest of State New SUA
Heat & Air Conditioning	$1,062	$1,100	$988	$1023	$877	$908
Basic Utility	$419	$434	$388	$402	$355	$368
Phone	$32	$33	$32	$33	$32	$33

(Note: SUA values other than the Phone SUA include amounts for water, sewage and trash collection.)

These changes may affect the amount of SNAP benefits you get. Depending on your individual circumstance the amount of your monthly SNAP benefit may not change or it may decrease or increase as a result of these changes.

Maximum Allotment by Household Size October 1, 2026

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Allotment	$306	$562	$808	$1,023	$1,217	$1,463	$1,616	$1,841

For household sizes of 9-17, add $225 for each additional household member. For households of 18 or more, the household may receive a maximum of $3,887 in SNAP benefits per month.

The minimum SNAP benefit amount that a one or two person household can receive will be $25 per month. **The State Regulations which allow us to do this are 18 NYCRR 358-3.3(e)(1)(i), 387.10, 387.12 and 387.15.**

Reporting Rules: **Most SNAP households with income only have to report changes every six months.** Every six months, you either will be asked to recertify or will be mailed a form for you to use to report changes. **The one exception to this rule is if your household's gross monthly income becomes more than 130% of the federal poverty level.** Your gross income includes all income any member of your household receives during the calendar month before taxes and other deductions are taken out.

See Chart below: The dollar amount shown under your household's size shows the new 130% of poverty income limit for your household, **as of October 1, 2026**. If your household's gross monthly income becomes more than this amount, you must report the new, higher income amount to your social services office by phone, in writing, or in person within 10 days after the end of the month.

Report Household Gross Income Over Income Limits Below Based on Your Household

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Report if Gross Household Income Exceeds:	$1,729	$2,345	$2,960	$3,575	$4,191	$4,806	$5,421	$6,037	$6,653	$7,269

The change to your SNAP benefits is a federally mandated mass change to SNAP benefits amounts. Pursuant to federal regulations at 7 CFR 271.7(f), there is no right to a fair hearing to dispute this reduction. If you think we made a mistake in figuring your October SNAP benefits due to above noted changes, you may ask for a state fair hearing, **within 90 days of when your October 2026 SNAP benefits become available.** You can ask for a fair hearing by writing to: Office of Administrative Hearings, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P.O. Box 1930, Albany New York 12201; Faxing (518) 473-6735; on-line by requesting a form at: http://otda.ny.gov/hearings/ or by calling toll free: 1-800-342-3334.

Legal Assistance: If you think that you need a lawyer to assist you with this problem, you may be able to get a lawyer at no cost to you by contacting your local Legal Aid Society or other legal advocate group.