

SNAP/EBT Benefits During the Federal Government Shutdown

Despite the ongoing federal government shutdown, **Virginia will continue to provide SNAP benefits** in November through the new [Virginia Emergency Nutrition Assistance \(VENA\) program](#).

Here's what City of Richmond residents need to know:

- **Full benefits will still be loaded** automatically onto existing EBT cards.
- **Payments will be issued weekly instead of monthly.**
- **Disbursements start November 3** and will be staggered by household.

Visit go.rva.gov/snap as this page will contain our most up-to-date news, resources, and information about how to help. Please check back regularly.

Additional Food Assistance

If you need extra support during this time, there are several resources available across the Richmond area:

- **FeedMore** offers a food pantry locator to help you find support near you: feedmore.org/agency-locator.
 - **RVA Community Fridges** provide free, fresh food 24/7 — no questions asked. There's one in Carytown outside Shelf Life Books, and more can be found at rvacommunityfridges.com.
 - **VCU's Internal Medicine Department** has a comprehensive [list of food resources \(PDF\)](#).
 - There's also a "tiny pantry" located at **Monument & Blacker** for quick community-based support.
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Financial Support for Federal Employees

If your income has been impacted by the shutdown, **Peoples Advantage Federal Credit Union** is offering:

- **0% emergency loans** (not due until pay resumes)
- **No-cost skip-a-pay** options on existing loans
- Personalized financial counseling for anyone affected

 Locations:

- Richmond/Henrico – 3601 Dill Road
- Petersburg – 110 Wagner Road
- Colonial Heights – 2801 Conduit Road

 **Phone:** 804-748-3081

 **Website:** peoplesadvfcu.org

Together, we'll continue to make sure every Richmond resident has access to the support and information they need.