

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Important SNAP Updates



SNAP benefits will not be issued in November.
To fill the gap, Virginia has started a program called:

VENA (Virginia Emergency Nutrition Assistance)

There is no application process for VENA. Benefits will be issued weekly only to people approved for SNAP as of Oct. 29, 2025.

VENA will be funded on a **WEEKLY** basis instead of once a month.



Emergency food assistance under VENA will be added to existing SNAP EBT cards starting **Nov. 3**.

To check your balance before you shop, call **1-866-281-2448** and enter the 16 digit number on your card.

VENA Schedule for Food Assistance

Benefits will be issued weekly to people approved for SNAP as of **Oct. 29, 2025**.

BENEFIT ISSUANCE	Normal Issuance is 1st of the month	Normal Issuance is 4th of the month	Normal Issuance is 7th of the month
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?

Basic Needs Assistance (CSP) call:

703-222-0880 (M-F, 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.)

Visit: **fairfaxcounty.gov** and search **"food access program"**

To see our full list of health and human services, visit: **bit.ly/Fairfax-HHS**

Scan the code for VENA and SNAP updates



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Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay.
Reasonable accommodations provided upon request, call 703-324-7500.



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