

Extra SNAP is Ending!

What you need to know

WHAT IS CHANGING?

The extra SNAP payment, officially called Emergency Allotments, will end in February 2023.

Starting in March, you will receive your regular SNAP payment loaded to your EBT card on your normal issuance date.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Without the extra SNAP, your benefit amount is based on your income and the expenses the program allows you to report.

You should report up-to-date information as soon as possible so that you are receiving all of the benefits for which you are eligible.

MAKE SURE HHSC HAS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Make sure you report important changes, like:

1) Your address.

- You may miss important updates if the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) does not have your current address.

2) Your income and the income of others in your SNAP household.

- Did you lose work hours or have your pay cut? If you are earning less, you may qualify for more SNAP benefits.

3) Your expenses and other allowable deductions.

- Are you paying more for child care?
- If you are a senior or have a disability, do you pay more than \$35 in medical expenses per month? Providing proof of these expenses may help you qualify for more SNAP. Learn more at [YourTexasBenefits.com](https://www.yourtexasbenefits.com)
- Did your rent, mortgage, or property taxes increase? In some cases, reporting this may help you qualify for more SNAP.
- Did you recently start paying an increased child support payment? In some cases, reporting this may help you qualify for more SNAP.

See next page for how to report changes and tips to prepare for this change



YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEND ALL OF YOUR SNAP

You can keep SNAP benefits on your EBT card as long as you want, so long as you use the card once every 9 months to keep it active. If you find that the extra SNAP payments gave you more money for food than you need to spend, you can save funds to spend in a later month, to provide wiggle room for when emergency allotments end in March 2023.

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REPORT A CHANGE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Go to YourTexasBenefits.com, log in to your account and find the case you want to make changes to. Select Details, then Open Change Report
- Use the YourTexasBenefits mobile app (free on the Apple App or Google Play Store).
- Visit your local HHSC benefits office to report changes in person. Find an office at <https://bit.ly/3ihOK4n>.
- Call 2-1-1 and select option 2 to update your information.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Every Texas food bank has trained staff who can assist households in applying for benefits and reporting changes to HHSC. We can also refer clients to our Referral Partner Program, which can share resources available to individuals in need. Find your local food bank:
www.feedingtexas.org/get-help/
- Double Up Food Bucks matches SNAP benefits \$1 for \$1 at participating farmers' markets, farm stands, mobile markets, and grocery stores across Texas. Find a participating location near you to help maximize your benefits:
<https://doubleuptexas.org/>