



PRE APPLY FOR DISASTER FOOD ASSISTANCE

DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DSNAP)

Hurricane season runs from June 1 and extends through the end of November. The **Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)** encourages all residents to prepare by pre-applying online for **Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (DSNAP)**, formerly called Disaster Food Stamps.

DSNAP provides food assistance for eligible households who do not receive regular Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and who need help buying groceries due to lost income or damages following a disaster.

Pre-application does not guarantee benefits, but is designed to save time, prevent long waits and make it easier for applicants to provide the required income information.

Residents can pre-apply for DSNAP by visiting www.dcfsl.a.gov/preapply and www.getagameplan.org or by calling 1-888-LA-HELPU (1-888-524-3578).

Individuals who pre-applied are encouraged to update their financial and household information if it has changed by logging into their account at www.dcfsl.a.gov/preapply.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
City of Kenner Office of Emergency Management (504) 471-2100
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DSNAP applicants must provide the following information:

- Names, Social Security Numbers and Dates of Birth for each household member
- Current address and parish of household
- Monthly income for each household member
- All liquid resources for each household member (cash on hand, checking, savings and money market account balances and certificates of deposit)

The information will be kept securely on file and will be confidential, utilized only in the event of a disaster where DSNAP benefits are authorized.

In the event that a disaster is declared and a DSNAP program is launched, residents, or their authorized representatives, who have pre-applied only need to visit a DSNAP issuance site to verify their information and identity, determine final eligibility and receive their benefit cards if eligible. Exact eligibility requirements and DSNAP issuance sites will be announced only after a disaster is declared.

For additional information visit www.dcfs.la.gov/dsnap.