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### **Sussex County Announces Disaster Food Assistance for Residents Impacted by Hurricane Sandy**

[Newton, NJ] The Sussex County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services will implement a Federal food assistance benefit for individuals and families that have had losses other than food due to Hurricane Sandy, who are not already enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Disaster SNAP, called D-SNAP, is administered by the US Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services through the County's Division of Social Services. Applications for the program will begin on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and run for seven business days, concluding on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Eligible recipients will receive their benefits on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that only can be used for the purchase of grocery food items.

Current SNAP recipients should not apply for this program because they already received a 30 percent October replacement allocation on their EBT card and will receive a supplemental benefit by December 7, 2012.

Under the new rules, applicants in the designated counties or zip codes must provide:

- Identification and proof of residency – a driver's license, for example, would serve as both.
- Pay stubs and bank statements (cash, checking and savings) for the 30 days from October 28<sup>th</sup> through

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November 26<sup>th</sup>. Under the guidelines, for a family of one, the income limit is \$2,268 with a benefit of \$200; a family of two is \$2,965 limit with a \$367 benefit; a family of three is \$3,416 limit with a \$526 benefit; and, a family of four is \$4,034 limit with a \$668 benefit.

- Receipts that show more than \$100 spent on disaster-related expenses between October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost of replacing food cannot be included in the \$100, but restaurant expenses are allowed.

Related expenses may include:

- Temporary shelter in a motel
- Home/business repairs
- Evacuation expenses
- Disaster clean up
- Disaster related vehicle repairs
- Gasoline for a generator
- Replacement of personal items, such as clothing or household items, such as appliances, tools, educational materials.

**If any of the purchases were charged to a credit card, the resident must be able to document that they paid the credit card bill for these items by November 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Below is a chart that shows D-SNAP income limits and benefits by family size.

Household Size	Disaster Income Limit	Allotment Amount
1	\$2,268	\$200
2	\$2,965	\$367
3	\$3,416	\$526
4	\$4,034	\$668
5	\$4,452	\$793
Each Additional Member	+ \$384	+ \$150

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D-SNAP applications will be taken at the **Hopatcong Fire House #3, 41-43 Hopatchung Road, Hopatcong, NJ, as follows:**

Date	Time	Residents Whose Last Name Begins with the Letters:
Monday, November 26, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	A - L
Tuesday, November 27, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	A - L
Wednesday, November 28, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	A - L
Wednesday, November 28, 2012	12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	M - Z
Thursday, November 29, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	M - Z
Friday, November 30, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	M - Z
Monday, December 3, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	All Residents
Tuesday, December 4, 2012	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	All Residents

**Division of Social Services, 83 Spring St., Newton, NJ will take applications as follows:**

Date	Time	Residents Whose Last Name Begins with the Letters:
Monday, November 26, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	A - L
Tuesday, November 27, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	A - L
Wednesday, November 28, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	A - L
Wednesday, November 28, 2012	1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	M - Z
Thursday, November 29, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	M - Z
Friday, November 30, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	M - Z
Monday, December 3, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	All Residents
Tuesday, December 4, 2012	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	All Residents

Please contact the Division of Social Services at 973-383-3600 for more information.

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