

# 2024 Flood Relief Resources

There are many resources available to help you and your neighbors during this time and beyond. Let's take care of ourselves and each other!

### **GENERAL RESOURCES**

**VT 211:** To get connected to a wide range of support and services like housing, mental health support, transportation, food, and more, call 2-1-1 or visit <u>vermont211.org/</u>.

Area Agencies on Aging: Information and support for people age 60+ and their families can be found by calling 1-800-642-5119 or find your local agency <a href="https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/aaa">https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/aaa</a>.

Community Action Agencies: Get support when you are in crisis, need housing and energy assistance, and more. Find your local office here <a href="https://vermontcap.org/find-help/">https://vermontcap.org/find-help/</a>

The Vermont Foodbank Network: Find local or statewide food resources by calling 1-800-585-2265 or visit www.vtfoodbank.org/agency-locator.

Summer Meals for Kids: Free meals for all kids 18 and under are available at locations around the state. For information on meals in your area, visit <a href="https://hungerfreevt.org">hungerfreevt.org</a>, text FOOD to 304-304, or call 2-1-1. All summer meal sites are up and running.



Report your flood damage: Even if you plan to fix the damage yourself, please report any and all flood damage to 2-1-1 by dialing **2-1-1** or visiting Vermont 211. Taking these steps helps Vermont get vital federal funds to respond to flooding.



## **GET FOOD HELP QUICKLY WITH 3SquaresVT**

You may be eligible for money to buy groceries within 7 days by applying for 3SquaresVT. If you already receive 3SquaresVT and lost food due to flooding or power outages, you may be able to get your benefits replaced. For replacement 3SquaresVT benefits, see the backside of this sheet for more details, including who to contact for help.

#### WIC

July WIC food benefits that were lost due to flooding can be replaced by contacting your local WIC office. To apply for WIC, see <a href="https://healthvermont.gov/family/wic/apply-wic">https://healthvermont.gov/family/wic/apply-wic</a> or visit your local WIC office.

Visit <u>www.hungerfreevt.org/flooding-resources</u> to see the most recent version of this flyer.

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## **3SquaresVT REPLACEMENT BENEFITS PROCESS**

3SquaresVT households who have lost food due to recent flooding or power outages can apply for 3SquareVT replacement benefits.

If your food was damaged due to a power outage or natural disaster like the recent flooding on July 10, 2024, and you receive 3SquaresVT benefits, you may qualify to have some of those benefits restored. You can receive replacement benefits if you lost food because of situations like a flood, fire, loss of electricity (4 hours or more), or failure of equipment such as a refrigerator or freezer. **Due to recent flooding, 3SquaresVT (3SVT) replacement requests will be accepted through August 8. This means you are not subject to the usual 10-calendar day reporting timeline. You can report the loss of food by phone, in-person, or in writing by August 8, 2024.** 

People who are eligible for replacement benefits can **receive up to a maximum of 1 monthly allotment of their 3SquaresVT benefit**. Here is what you need to do to request 3SquaresVT replacement benefits:

- You can report the loss in a few different ways:
  - Call the Benefits Service Center at 1-800-479-6151 (7-1-1 for relay services, 1-855-247-3092 for interpretation services).
  - Visit or mail a report to your <u>local district office</u>.
  - Complete, sign, and submit page 1 of Form 271 and upload it to the Document Uploader
- Form 271 can be found here: bit.ly/43lxY5D
  - Submit a completed and signed Form 271 (page 1 only) by August 8th.
  - You can upload a complete and signed Form 271 to the Document Uploader, mail it in, or drop it off at a local district office.
  - You do NOT need to provide information of another person on Form 271 verifying the loss due to flood related losses. This section must be completed for all other types of loss.
- Note: If you can't call to report the loss, but have access to the internet or mail, you can just complete, date, and sign Form 271 and submit it directly to Economic Services.
- To learn more, visit <u>vermontfoodhelp.com/get-help-quickly</u> or call 2-1-1 to get connected to a local organization who can support you in understanding 3SquaresVT replacement benefits.





