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### **EXTENSION OF DISASTER FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR STORM-IMPACTED FAMILIES**

Sussex County is accepting applications through September 26, 2011

[Newton, NJ] The period during which the Sussex County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services can accept applications for food assistance through the disaster-related Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (D-SNAP) has been extended through September 26, 2011. It has been estimated that approximately 3,000 households may be eligible for this assistance. Only a small percentage of residents have come forward to apply. All residents thought to be eligible are encouraged to apply and must have their application filed by September 26<sup>th</sup> in order to receive this benefit.

The SNAP Program is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services. The onetime food benefit is available to eligible Sussex County residents who experienced extreme material losses during Hurricane Irene or subsequent flooding.

Sussex County individuals and families who suffered a loss and are already enrolled with SNAP will automatically receive a onetime supplemental benefit, if determined eligible, based upon a federal determination. **They do not need to call or visit the Social Services Agency.**

Sussex County individuals and families currently not receiving SNAP benefits and whose storm-related expenses include damages beyond the loss of food due to power outages may be eligible.

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The Division of Social Services will continue to process applications Monday through Friday until the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. A temporary site has been established at the Sussex-Wantage Library on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in addition to the Social Services Agency for people to request the D-SNAP benefit. Please see below for details regarding hours and locations.

The D-SNAP application process requires photo identification and subtracts disaster-related costs from available liquid resources when considering eligibility. Benefits are electronically applied to a card similar to a debit/credit card for the purchase of certain food items.

### **Sussex County Division of Social Services**

83 Spring Street, Newton, NJ

**Monday through Wednesday, 9/19/11 through 9/21/11: 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**Thursday, 9/22/11: 8:30am to 7:00pm**

**Friday, 9/23/11: 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**Monday, 9/26/11: 8:30am to 4:30pm**

### **Sussex-Wantage Library**

Corner of Rtes. 565 and 639

Wantage, New Jersey

**Monday and Tuesday, 9/19/11 and 9/20/11: 9am to 5pm**

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*Our mission is to improve the quality of life of Sussex County residents through an integrated approach to comprehensive services that meet the needs of individuals, families and communities.*