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Federal Shutdown Fact Sheet: Food Resources Available in Nevada

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Resources for Nevadans

Where can Nevadans get food?

- Anyone in need of food can find a food distribution location through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada at fbnn.org and Three Square Food Bank at threesquare.org.

What online resources are available to help Nevadans find food?

- Anyone in need of food can find a food distribution location, services provided and a schedule, through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada at fbnn.org/gethelp and Three Square Food Bank at threesquare.org/get-help/find-food.

What are the eligibility requirements to get food?

- Anyone in need of food can access help through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank and their respective partner networks. Individuals impacted by the federal shutdown, including SNAP recipients and federal employees, are encouraged to access these resources.
- The food banks will be conducting self-reporting of SNAP recipients, federal employees, etc. for tracking purposes.

Is it possible to have food delivered directly to me?

- Both the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank provide direct food distribution through their mobile distribution networks or in partnership with local agencies. To find the closest distribution visit the Food Bank of Northern Nevada website at fbnn.org/gethelp and Three Square Food Bank website at threesquare.org/get-help/find-food.

Logistics of the Food Insecurity Nevada Plan

What is the logistical plan for allocating funding to food banks? What about food pantries and other organizations?

- More than \$8.6 million in federal ARPA funding has been allocated to the two main food banks serving northern and southern Nevada—Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank, respectively. An additional \$30 million in state contingency funds is slated to be allocated to fund the Food Insecurity Nevada Plan during the Interim Finance Committee meeting on Oct. 30, 2025.
 - The \$8.6 million of federal ARPA funding was divided with 80% going toward Three Square Food Bank and 20% going toward Food Bank of Northern Nevada based on SNAP recipient data.



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- Similar to other community nutrition programs, these food banks will work within their community partner networks to distribute food to other food pantries and community organizations throughout their respective regions to ensure all Nevadans have access to food.

Are food banks equipped to scale up and distribute these resources?

- The food banks will be relying on their staff, community partners, volunteers and the National Guard to ensure all Nevadans who need food have access.
- The Food Bank of Northern Nevada has 145 partner agencies and more than 40 school-based pantries across 13 counties in Nevada (Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Lyon, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Washoe and White Pine). In addition, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada facilitates more than 40 mobile food distributions. They are also prepared to stand up pop-up food distributions as needed where food resources may not be met.
- Three Square has more than 150 community partners, pop-ups and other distribution sites serving Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties. On Saturday, November 1, Three Square will operate two high-capacity drive-through distributions. Two additional anchor partners will double their regular Saturday distributions to extend reach. Events will utilize pre-boxed and palletized products for speed and efficiency, and to increase accessibility and safety coordination for vulnerable individuals.
- \$200,000 is being requested for the National Guard to support food distribution infrastructure, including receiving of food, boxing food and transporting food from warehouses to food distribution sites.
- In addition, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) has made space available in food warehouses in Las Vegas and Reno to support the additional food needs.

What is the National Guard's role in the food distribution plan?

- \$200,000 is being requested to activate the National Guard to support food distribution infrastructure, including receiving of food, boxing food and transporting food from warehouses to food distribution sites.
- In addition, the National Guard will be providing a tractor trailer and drivers to assist in Clark County.

When will the food be available?

- Food is currently available across the state, and distributions will ramp up over the weekend and into next week.



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How is the State going to ensure that people get food from the food banks? How is distribution planned?

- The Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank will maintain up-to-date lists and maps of food distribution sites to help Nevadans find locations closest to them.
 - Northern Nevada: Food Bank of Northern Nevada - fbnn.org/gethelp
 - Southern Nevada: Three Square Food Bank - threesquare.org/get-help/find-food

What is the plan for food banks to acquire products?

- Food banks will continue ordering from their known vendors and processors. Food shipments will be delivered to the food bank warehouses and our NDA warehouses for storage and distribution as needed.

How long will the \$38 million for food last?

- The State anticipates that the initial \$38 million will provide critical support for Nevada families throughout November, but the State will continue to seek sustainable funding solutions as the federal shutdown continues.
- Our food bank partners estimate that they leverage every dollar of purchasing power into three meals.
- Food banks continue to take donations, including monetary donations, which are easier to manage as they scale up distribution and warehouse capacities.