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ICYMI: Democrats Host Emergency Food Drives Around the State Before FoodShare Pause

Trump's Government Shutdown will Delay Wisconsin's November FoodShare Benefits

Madison, Wis - Due to the government shutdown, Wisconsin's FoodShare program (SNAP), which [provides](#) food assistance to nearly 700,000 people in our state, will run out of funding at the end of October. This will leave more than 260,000 kids under 18 without the food they need. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is [already authorized](#) under federal law to transfer funds to sustain SNAP benefits during a lapse in appropriations, yet they have thus far refused. In response, Democrats have sent a [letter](#) to the USDA and are organizing around the state to support our neighbors and communities.

"When we heard about the pause in FoodShare benefits, we sprang into action," said **Assembly Democratic Leader Greta Neubauer**. "Kids, families, and seniors rely on this critical assistance to put food on the table. But Trump and Republicans in Congress would rather play political games than do the right thing for Wisconsin. We're going to continue urging Trump to do the right thing, but we're also on the ground, helping communities in the most direct way we can. We're not waiting for Washington, we're taking action now to help Wisconsin."

Event Highlights

- [Democratic lawmakers in Wisconsin highlight Trump administration food aid halt](#)
- [La Crosse: Emergency Food Drive and Press Conference on FoodShare Benefit Delay](#) ([WXOW](#)) ([WKBT](#)) ([WIZM](#))
- [Eau Claire: Urge Congress to Protect Food Assistance and End Shutdown](#) ([WEAU](#)) ([WQOW](#)) ([Leader-Telegram](#))
- [Milwaukee: Emergency Food Drive in Partnership with Project Concern in Cudahy](#) ([WISN](#)) ([TMJ4](#))
- [Madison: host food drive, call for release of federal funds for SNAP](#) ([WKOW](#)) ([Channel 3000](#))
- [Green Bay & Fox Valley: Legislators highlight community needs](#) ([WBAY](#)) ([GB Press Times](#)) ([WFRV](#))
- [Stevens' Point: Emergency FoodShare Roundtable](#) ([WAOW](#)) ([WSAW](#))
- [Sheboygan: Emergency Food Drive and Office Hours](#) ([Sheboygan Sun](#)) ([Sheboygan Press](#))

Any Wisconsinite who needs additional food or infant formula can reach out to 211 Wisconsin for information or referrals to local services. Anyone can get help by:

- Dialing 211 or 877-947-2211
- Visiting 211wisconsin.communityos.org
- Texting their ZIP Code to 898211