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SNAP Families Can Get Extra Help Replacing Food Lost After Typhoon Sinlaku

Hagåtña, Guam – The Division of Public Welfare (DPW) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) has received approval on May 4, 2026, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), to provide additional SNAP food replacement assistance for eligible households affected by Typhoon Sinlaku.

The **Food Loss Waiver (FLW)** is for SNAP households that lost food purchased with **EBT benefits** due to the typhoon.

“Our hearts are with everyone who lost food during Typhoon Sinlaku,” said Theresa C. Arriola, Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services. *“We know this has been a very difficult time. This extra food help is one small way we continue to care for one another.”*

Some households already received Automatic Mass Replacement (AMR) benefits on April 24, 2026. This FLW program is for families who:

- Received the **63% AMR, AND**
- Lost **more food than the AMR amount covered**

If this applies to **YOU**, you may be able to receive **additional SNAP benefits**.

How to Apply

To apply, the SNAP head of household or an Authorized Representative must complete and sign a **Food Loss Waiver Affidavit**.

Affidavits will be accepted:

- **Monday, May 11, 2026 through Thursday, May 14, 2026**
- **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

You may apply by **email - OR - drop off in-person**.

DPHSS staff will carefully review each application. Please make sure the information is complete and correct so there are no delays. **Giving false information on purpose may lead to penalties or be considered an Intentional SNAP Program Violation.**

Ways to Submit the Form

Beginning Monday, May 11, 2026, families can choose the option that works best for them:

- **Email:**
Download the form from **dphss.guam.gov**, complete and sign it, then email it to **snapfoodloss@dphss.guam.gov**

OR

- **Drop off In-person:**
Pick up and return the form at
Castle Mall, Units 15 and 16
130 University Drive, Mangilao

Benefits will be automatically added to EBT cards **10 days after** the application is received AND approved.

DPHSS understands that this has been a difficult time for many families.

For more information, please contact the Division of Public Welfare's Bureau of Economic Security at the dedicated SNAP disaster call center lines at (671) 735-7310/7321.

DPHSS expresses appreciation for the community's patience as recovery efforts continue. DPHSS will provide updates as services, events and activities are restored across Guam. For more news and updates from DPHSS, follow @dphssguam on Instagram and @guamdphss on Facebook, or visit dphss.guam.gov

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