



COUNTY OF HYDE

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Hyde County has not been declared an Individual Assistance disaster county. If you are receiving benefits you may qualify for replacements. If you do not receive benefits, you may apply for regular FNS benefits with a 30 day processing timeframe.

REQUIREMENT FOR REPLACING DESTROYED FOOD PURCHASED WITH FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

A **FNS** unit is entitled to a replacement of benefits when food purchased with **FNS** is destroyed in a household misfortune (such as, but not limited to, a power outage or mechanical failure) or disaster (such as, but not limited to, a fire or flood). The **FNS** unit may be eligible to receive a replacement of the actual value of the loss, not to exceed one month's allotment for the **FNS** unit.

A. The loss must be reported (verbally or in writing) within ten calendar days of the incident.

B. **The FNS unit must complete a DSS-1678, Replacement Affidavit, within ten calendar days of the report.**

1. The **DSS-1678** must include the household's actual amount of food loss that was purchased with **FNS**.

2. Do not issue a replacement if the agency does not receive the **DSS-1678** within ten calendar days from the date the report is filed.

3. If the tenth day falls on a weekend or holiday, and the **DSS-1678** is received the day after the weekend or holiday, consider the statement to be received timely.

C. Replace benefits within ten calendar days of the report or within two days of receiving the **DSS-1678**, whichever is later.

D. Deny or delay replacement issuances when there is documentary evidence that indicates the **FNS** unit's request for replacement appears to be fraudulent.

E. There are no limits on the number of times a replacement may be issued to a **FNS** unit.

NOTE: Food in a full freezer is safe for about two days without power (A half-full freezer is safe for one day.). Food that still contains ice crystals can be refrozen safely. Some refrigerated food should be discarded if kept above 40 degrees for more than two hours. These foods include raw or cooked meat, poultry, or seafood; milk/cream, yogurt, soft cheese; cooked pasta, pasta salads; custard, chiffon, or cheese pies; fresh eggs, egg substitutes; meat or cheese-topped pizza, luncheon meats; casseroles, stew, or soups; mayonnaise, tartar sauce and creamy dressing; refrigerated cookie dough; and cream-filled pies.

If the United States Department of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration and the FNS unit is eligible for disaster FNS, the FNS unit cannot receive both the disaster allotment and a replacement allotment for destroyed food.