

Dear Marblehead Families,

SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) may not be distributed in November due to the federal shutdown. While it's uncertain whether the shutdown will continue, this could create a sudden gap for families who rely on SNAP for food.

Local food pantries are aware and preparing, but resources are limited—especially with Thanksgiving approaching. These community resources may be helpful whether or not the shutdown affects November benefits.

If you are able to help:

There are many ways to get involved through the local organizations listed below. The best way to provide **immediate support** is by donating to the Marblehead Food Pantry and sharing this information in your community.

The Marblehead Food Pantry serves more than 100 registered families and expects this number to grow in the coming weeks. Community support can make a real difference.

To learn more about how to donate food or money, click this link:

<https://marbleheadfoodpantry.org/#donations>

Marblehead is a caring community. By working together, we can ensure that every family has access to what they need during this uncertain time.

If you need support, here are available resources in the community:

Marblehead Food Pantry

marbleheadfoodpantry.org

Hours: Tuesdays 9 am–12 pm, Thursdays 5 pm–7 pm

Location: Star of the Sea Parish Center, 80 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead

Other information:

- Open to Marblehead residents with photo ID and proof of residency (e.g., a bill)
- No income verification or detailed questions required
- Marblehead residents may visit once per week
- Salem Mobile Pantry visit: November 4, 9 am–11 am
- Thanksgiving distribution: November 22, 9 am–12 pm for registered clients of the Marblehead Food Pantry. **The deadline to sign up for Thanksgiving is October 30th. Registration is in person during distribution hours.**

Salem Pantry (The Market)

thesalempantry.org/the-market

Hours: Open five days a week; families may visit once per week. See specific hours here:

<https://thesalempantry.org/events/category/fall-hours/>

Location: 47 Leavitt Street, Salem

Other information: Families can preregister online, or at first visit

Marblehead Little Free Pantry

littlefreepantrymhd.weebly.com

Hours: Open-access pantry available anytime

Location: Marblehead Community Charter Public School, 17 Lime Street, Marblehead

Other information: Shelf-stable items available anytime, no registration needed.

Family Table (Temple Sinai)

templesinaiweb.org/social-action/food-pantry

Hours: Varies; food pantry and delivery program

Location: Marblehead (Temple Sinai)

Other information: Program serves local families; learn how to become a client through this website: <https://www.jfcsboston.org/our-services/center-for-basic-needs-assistance/family-table-food-pantry/become-a-family-table-client>

Additional Community Supports

Making Ends Meet

<https://www.makingendsmeetmhead.org/>

Provides emergency financial assistance and material support

Marblehead Female Humane Society

<https://marbleheadfemalehumanesociety.com/referrals/>

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The Marblehead Counseling Center

<https://www.marbleheadcounseling.org/services/social-services/>

They can help connect you with community support organizations.

You can call them at **781-631-8273**

Local faith-based organizations may also be able to provide emergency support.

Need help navigating resources?

Please contact your child's school counselor for guidance.