

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services
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Help available for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program clients affected by recent severe storm in Fargo and West Fargo area

BISMARCK, N.D. – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) clients may be eligible for replacement benefits if they were affected by the power outages that struck Fargo and West Fargo on May 30, 2011, and they experienced a food loss.

The deadline for existing program clients to report their loss to a county social service office is Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

North Dakota Department of Human Services officials work with county social service offices to issue replacement benefits if program clients have their food supplies damaged or destroyed due to power outages or other disaster situations. Clients should be prepared to verify that they experienced a power outage.

Individuals with questions can contact their local county social service office or the department at 1-800-755-2716.

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