

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. Why are SNAP benefits going up?

A. Because of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 law, you get more Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. SNAP is the new name for the Food Stamp Program.

Q. How can I use the extra benefits?

A. Use your extra benefits to buy food at your grocery store in order to supplement your monthly income. The benefits can help you buy extra food allowing your monthly income to go toward other bills like your utilities.

Q. How do I get the extra benefits?

A. If you are currently receiving SNAP benefits you get the extra benefits starting April 2009. The extra benefits will be added automatically to your EBT card. You do not have to do anything. If you are not currently receiving SNAP benefits and you think you may be eligible, you may apply at your local Department of Human Services Office.

Q. How much extra do I get?

A. Most 1 or 2 person households who get the minimum SNAP benefit of \$14 a month may get \$16 a month starting in April. For those 1 person households who get the maximum benefit of \$176 a month may get \$200 a month starting in April. Others may get more.