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FOOD BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR SHASTA COUNTY SALT FIRE VICTIMS

SHASTA COUNTY - People impacted by the Salt Fire in Shasta County may be eligible to request replacement CalFresh benefits through July 30, 2021.

On July 13, 2021, the United States Department of Agriculture approved Shasta County's request to waive the 10-day reporting requirement for replacement of food purchased with CalFresh benefits and was lost as a result of wildfires that began on June 30, 2021. Affected households will now have until July 30, 2021 to report their CalFresh food loss and request both regular and Emergency Allotment replacement benefits. Households can request these benefits at any of the five Shasta County regional offices.

Replacement CalFresh benefits will be provided via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, which is similar to a debit card that can be used to purchase food items at grocery stores and other authorized retailers.

In addition, people with new needs for assistance due to the wildfires may always apply for regular CalFresh benefits and CalWORKs cash aid at their local Health and Human Services Agency offices in Redding, Anderson, Shasta Lake and Burney or online at www.c4yourself.com. For questions about regular benefits, please contact the Shasta County HHSA Customer Service Center at (877) 652-0731.

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