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### CALFRESH BENEFITS FOR EVACUEES

Families and individuals impacted by the Lightning Complex Fires may not realize they qualify for CalFresh. CalFresh (formally known as food stamps) helps families and individuals purchase food.

Evacuees may see if they qualify for CalFresh food assistance by applying online on a mobile device or computer at [www.getcalfresh.org](http://www.getcalfresh.org) or [www.mybenefitscalwin.org](http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org). Applications can also be taken by phone at 1-888-421-8080, between 8 a.m.– 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Paper applications may also be picked up and submitted at 18W. Beach St., Watsonville, 1020 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz, or via fax to (831) 786-7100. A process for securely submitting paper applications through the shelters is being developed. Eligibility restrictions apply.

Eligible beneficiaries receive a CalFresh Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card which can be used at most food retailers. Individuals who already receive CalFresh may have benefits replaced if food purchased with CalFresh benefits is destroyed in a household misfortune or disaster, such as the fire.

Please visit [www.santacruzhumanservices.org](http://www.santacruzhumanservices.org) for more information. Benefits offices are open and here to serve our community.

To access more information about disaster resources including a complete list of available shelters, visit [www.santacruzcounty.us/fireresources.aspx](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/fireresources.aspx).