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Disaster Food Assistance

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Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday announced that low-income Floridians recovering from Hurricane Ian may be eligible for food assistance from the agency's Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said households that may not normally be eligible under regular SNAP rules may qualify for D-SNAP if they meet certain criteria, including the disaster income limits and if they have qualifying disaster-related expenses.

The Florida Department of Children and Families estimates that over 740,000 households may be eligible for D-SNAP assistance.

Details on Florida's D-SNAP program will be available at the Florida Department of Children and Families [Hurricane Ian Response & Recovery website](#). D-SNAP sites will be posted on the website as they become available.

For Floridians in need of help, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has opened five Disaster Recovery Centers to provide resources and other information about recovery programs and disaster assistance.

The centers, which are located in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, and Sarasota counties, are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 7 days per week. For more information, [visit the agency's website](#).

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First Blue Roof Installation Complete, Getting Floridians Back into Their Homes While Repairs Are Made

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Yesterday, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) [installed the first Blue Roof](#) in Fort Myers. Operation Blue Roof provides a temporary blue tarp-like covering to help

reduce further damage to property and provide residents with a livable house while they recover from Hurricane Ian. This service is free to homeowners, and the initial sign-up period is ongoing, ending on October 23.

This program currently includes homes in Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Collier, and DeSoto counties. To qualify for this free program homes must be primary residences or a permanently occupied rental property with less than 50% structural damage, excluding vacation rental properties. All storm debris must be removed for the roof to qualify.

Residents must sign a Right of Entry form to allow USACE workers to assess the roof and install the tarp. To provide sign-ups in areas that may not be able to access the call center or website, the USACE has gone door-to-door and is identifying locations for mobile signup locations in southwest Florida neighborhoods.

For more information, call 1-888-ROOF-BLU or visit [this site](#).