



Emergency Food Assistance Eligibility Criteria and Required Documents

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

*In order to be determined eligible for emergency food assistance, you must be a resident of **Essex County** in need of emergency food assistance and have no other means by which to purchase food.*

*** Programs include items from Food Pantry and/or Food Voucher Program***

Note: *Voucher program must have denial letter from Welfare for Food Stamps*

Food Assistance Program

***Effective as July 1, 2014
(Income Guidelines as per the Community Foodbank of NJ)***

***** All documents must be originals *****

Identification	Proof of Income
<i>(For each household member)</i> Photo ID Birth Certificate Social Security Card Credit/Debit Card Family First Card	4 Current pay stubs Current Social Security Insurance award letter Current Unemployment Statement BC-5
Proof of County Residency	Income Guidelines
Utility Bill Telephone Bill <i>(no cell phone bills)</i> Cable Bill	See page 2

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**** Income must be at or below the Annual Federal Poverty Guidelines ****

INCOME GUIDELINES

Household size	2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines Annual	2014 TEFAP Federal Poverty Guidelines Annual (185% of Poverty)	2013 SNAP Maximum Monthly Gross Income** (185% of Poverty)	TEFAP (*USDA) Maximum Monthly Gross Income (185% of Poverty)	TEFAP Weekly Gross Income (185% of Poverty)
1	\$11,670	\$21,590	\$1,772	\$1,800	\$416
2	\$15,730	\$29,101	\$2,392	\$2,426	\$560
3	\$19,790	\$36,612	\$3,011	\$3,051	\$705
4	\$23,850	\$44,123	\$3,631	\$3,677	\$849
5	\$27,910	\$51,634	\$4,251	\$4,303	\$993
6	\$31,970	\$59,145	\$4,871	\$4,929	\$1,138
7	\$36,030	\$66,656	\$5,490	\$5,555	\$1,282
8	\$40,090	\$74,167	\$6,110	\$6,181	\$1,427
Each Additional Person	+4,060	+\$7,511	+620	+626	+145

* Per the USDA, the Income Guidelines for 2014, TEFAP are effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

**Based on an individual's resources, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) guidelines can be higher for the elderly & disabled living on their own. The new, SNAP Income Guidelines are effective as of November, 2013.

Women Infant & Children (WIC) Eligibility:

Income guidelines for WIC are the same as for the USDA TEFAP program. Clients may qualify if they are at or below the income guidelines and pregnant (or recently pregnant), a breastfeeding mother (up to 1-year), an infant or child under 5 years old.

For more information call the New Jersey WIC Referral Lines: 1-866-446-5942 or 1-800-328-3838

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