



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO FEDERAL SNAP CHANGES IN PAWTUCKET:

The City of Pawtucket, the Pawtucket School Department, and the Pawtucket Housing Authority have been monitoring the recent federal changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This nationwide disruption is expected to impact nearly 16,000 Pawtucket residents who rely on these benefits. These updates tighten work and participation requirements for adults without dependents and adjust how benefit levels are calculated, potentially slowing future increases. Families with older children and individuals with unstable work or transportation barriers may face new challenges in maintaining benefits.

For Pawtucket, this means an increased risk of food insecurity among working-age adults, seniors, and families already under economic strain. The City and its partners are preparing by expanding outreach, strengthening local food assistance networks, and ensuring residents understand their rights, eligibility, and available supports. This guide provides an updated directory of food pantries, meal programs, and community resources to help residents stay nourished and supported during this transition.



PAWTUCKET'S PLAN OF ACTION:

The City of Pawtucket, the Pawtucket School Department, and the Pawtucket Housing Authority are coordinating a citywide effort to collect dry goods and non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to local community-based organizations serving families in need.

Donations can be dropped off at Pawtucket City Hall, Fogarty Manor, or at any Pawtucket Public School or the Central Office during regular business hours.

To further assist residents affected by recent changes to food assistance programs, the City has launched an Emergency SNAP Response Line and is working to activate an emergency fund account to expand local relief efforts. Together, these initiatives aim to ensure that no resident goes without access to food or essential support during this period of change. More information will be shared in the coming week(s).



IMPORTANT STATEWIDE UPDATES:

- The State of Rhode Island announced a series of actions to support Rhode Islanders, including emergency payments for qualifying families with children through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). For more info go to GOVERNOR.RI.GOV
- Any money on your EBT card at the end of October will be rolled over and available for use in November. However, November SNAP food assistance benefits are on hold, and additional benefits will not be available on your EBT card on November 1st unless federal actions are taken.
- SNAP benefits for November will be issued once federal funding is restored.
- Your EBT card WILL NOT be shut off. Please visit SNAPSUPPORT.RI.GOV for the most accurate and updated information.
- DHS remains open and will continue to process cases as usual during the federal shutdown – including processing of applications and re-certifications for all benefit programs.



FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN PAWTUCKET:

**Blackstone Valley
Community Action Program**

**210 West Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-475-5069**

Casa De Oracion Getsemani

**38 Park St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-725-5010**

Segue Food Pantry

**390 Pine St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-721-0964**

Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

**195 Walcott St.(Basement), Pawtucket RI
02860
401-724-9190**

Living Hope Assembly of God

**100 Broadway, Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-723-2039**

**Salvation Army Pawtucket
Corps' Food Pantry**

**102 High St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-723-9533**

**St. John the Baptist Food
Pantry**

**69 Quincy Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-722-9054**

**Society of St. Vincent de
Paul-St. John Paul II
Conference at St. Cecilia
Church**

**755 Central Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861
401-744-5404**



FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN PAWTUCKET:

**St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran
Food Pantry**

**690 Newport Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861
401-723-5632**

St. Luke's Bread of Life

**670 Weeden St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-723-9216**

**Blackstone Valley
Emergency Food Center**

**75 Benefit St., Pawtucket, RI 02861
401-724-7170**

**First Baptist Church of
Pawtucket**

**91 Cottage St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-725-7225**

CACD

**120 High St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-305-6908**

Elisha Project

**200 Main St., Pawtucket RI 02860
<https://elishaproject.org/>**

The Pawtucket School Department has food pantries available at some of the school locations. Contact the Central Office or Pawtucket Backpackers for more information.
pawtucketbackpackers@gmail.com



**FOR FULL LIST OF FOOD
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
SCAN HERE:**



**OR CALL OUR EMERGENCY
SNAP SUPPORT LINE AT:
401-728-0500 EXT 278**