

Food Stamp Eligible/Ineligible Foods Pennsylvania

Eligible Foods

Any food intended for human consumption including soft drinks, candy, ice cream, coffee and spices.

Seeds and plants to grow food for personal consumption by eligible households.

Meals prepared and served by:

- an authorized meal delivery service;
- a communal dining facility for the elderly and/or SSI household;
- a group living arrangement, such as:
 - a rehabilitation center for drug addicts or alcoholics;
 - a shelter for battered women and children;
 - an authorized provider of meals for the homeless;
 - an authorized restaurant serving meals to the homeless, elderly, or disabled.

Ineligible Foods

Alcoholic beverages, pet foods, hot foods prepared for immediate consumption (such as barbequed chicken), lunch counter items or foods to be eaten in the store.

Non-food items such as paper products, soap, household supplies, medicines, vitamins, and cigarettes.

Food stamp benefits may not be used to pay off a bill for food purchased on credit or to pay in advance for the receipt of foods except for purchase from a non-profit cooperative food-purchasing venture.

Questions Regarding Food Stamp Benefits

Anyone having questions about the Food Stamp Program may call the Welfare Helpline toll-free at 1-800-692-7462 (1-800-451-5886 TDD number for individuals with hearing impairments; 717-787-3119 for out-of-state callers) or their local county assistance office.