



HRA Assistance for New Yorkers in Need from Hurricane Irene

The following services are available to those in need of temporary financial assistance, and information on those already receiving assistance from HRA.

Available Benefits for Non-HRA Clients

- For people who are not current clients of HRA and may be eligible for cash assistance, HRA Job Centers may authorize payment for relocation expenses such as a first month's rent, a security deposit voucher equivalent to one month's rent as allowed by state regulations, a broker's fee of 50% of one month's rent, a furniture allowance or storage expenses, if needed.
- People not currently in receipt of cash assistance and cannot cook, due to, for example, a loss of power or temporary evacuation, but who are otherwise eligible for cash assistance, may request a restaurant allowance as an immediate needs grant at a local job center.
- Any NYC resident that lacks health insurance and now, due to financial losses as a result of the storm, believes they may be eligible for public health insurance can go online to ACCESS NYC to see if they may be eligible, visit their nearest Medicaid office or facilitated enrollers apply. You can also visit www.nyc.gov/hilink for other options.

Food Stamps and Cash Assistance

- For those already receive food stamps and lost food through spoilage as a result of flooding or a power outage, you may request a food stamp replacement up to the amount lost or the entire monthly grant whichever is less.
- People who are currently in receipt of cash assistance or otherwise eligible for cash assistance and who must move into temporary shelter as a result of storm damage, and must place items in storage while in temporary housing, may request assistance with storage fees on a monthly basis.
- People in receipt of cash assistance or otherwise eligible for cash assistance who have lost or damaged clothing or damaged equipment such as furnaces and boilers may request assistance to help replace these items.
- For those receiving food stamps only, replacements may be requested through your Non-Cash Assistance Food Stamp Office. All other requests should be made at job centers.

Medicaid

- Medicaid recipients who may have been moved to a different facility during the course of the storm should not fear that their coverage will in any way be impacted.

To see if you are eligible for assistance, visit [ACCESS NYC](http://ACCESS.NYC.gov). For more information on city services visit www.NYC.gov or call 311.