





# ADDITIONAL SNAP BENEFITS

In addition to food, SNAP offers additional benefits for participants. These benefits can be utilized by any household participating in SNAP, even if the household receives the minimum benefit!

## Lower electric and gas bills

SNAP recipients automatically receive reduced electric and gas rates. For more information visit <a href="https://www.rienergy.com/RI-Home/Bill-Help/Discount-Rates">https://www.rienergy.com/RI-Home/Bill-Help/Discount-Rates</a> or call 1-855-697-4347.

## Lower phone bill (landline or cellphone)

SNAP participants may receive reduced cell phone or landline rates.

- For a reduced landline rate: Send a copy of your SNAP approval notice to Verizon. Go to www.verizon.com/lifeline or call 1-800-837-4966 for the landline application.
- For a cellphone discount, go to www.ripuc.org/utilityinfo/telecom.

## Internet (broadband) benefits

SNAP participants may receive reduced internet rates.

- Cox Connect 2 Complete offers a reduced internet charge for Cox customers with students grades K-12. Go to <a href="www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete.html">www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete.html</a>
- Verizon Lifeline Broadband offers a reduced internet charge. Go to www.lifelinesupport.org

### **More Food:**

## • Free school breakfast and lunch programs

School age children in families on SNAP are eligible for free school meals. Enrollment should be automatic. Questions? Check in with your child's school directly.

## Farmers Markets

Many RI farmer's markets offer "Bonus Bucks" which double the SNAP benefits when you buy fruits and vegetables. Go <a href="https://www.farmfreshri.org">www.farmfreshri.org</a> to view the list.

#### Eat Well, Be Well

A \$0.50 discount for every dollar spent on fresh produce at Rhode Island Stop & Shop and Walmart locations, up to \$25 per month. Discount is automatic for all SNAP benefit holders. For more information visit <a href="https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/supplemental-nutrition-8">https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/supplemental-nutrition-8</a>.

#### SunBucks

For SNAP benefit holders with school age children (K-12) during summer. Families will be issued a one-time payment of \$120 per eligible child at the beginning of the summer. For more information visit <a href="https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/supplemental-nutrition-10">https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/supplemental-nutrition-10</a>.