

# Resources for Government Employees and Contractors Affected by the Government Shutdown

## Food Assistance:

- National Capital Baptist Convention  
January 21, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Beltway Plaza, 6000 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Ham and turkey giveaway at Beltway Plaza in Greenbelt, MD
- Central Baptist Church and 7th Day Adventist Joint Service Project  
January 31, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Central Baptist Church, 5600 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, MD 20748  
30,000 pounds of fresh produce
- Sardi's Restaurants  
Every Tuesday during the furlough, show your Federal Government ID and get "Buy One, Get One Free" on a 1/4 Chicken meal or 3 Piece Dark meal. Additionally, Sardi's will offer a 10% discount to furloughed government employees every day of the week; just show your ID at checkout.



# COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Serving the community with fresh, seasonal produce available at no cost.

THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK'S COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE IS OPEN TO ALL MARYLAND RESIDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE.

### OPEN FROM 10AM - 12PM:

1/19/19 • 2/16/19 • 3/16/19 • 4/20/19

5/18/19 • 6/15/19 • 7/20/19 • 8/17/19

9/21/19 • 10/19/19 • 11/16/19 • 12/21/19

Fresh, seasonal produce items will be available at each Marketplace as well as recipes for healthy and affordable meals.

Community service providers will be on site to provide helpful information about services available to you. For information about the Marketplace schedule or for notice of cancellation due to inclement weather, please call the information line at (202) 769-5612.

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SHABACH - 3600 Brightseat Rd., Landover, MD 20785

Every Third Saturday | Year Round | 10am - 12pm

To receive TEFAP program products, people must qualify under USDA regulations.\* Please bring your own reusable bags to hold your groceries.\*



## Financial Assistance:

- United Way  
Financial coaching, Small business coaching, Financial workshops, Tax preparation including prior year and amended tax returns  
[https://www.pgcc.edu/Services\\_and\\_Support/Support\\_Services/Financial\\_Empowerment\\_Center/Financial\\_Empowerment\\_Center.aspx](https://www.pgcc.edu/Services_and_Support/Support_Services/Financial_Empowerment_Center/Financial_Empowerment_Center.aspx)  
Or dial 211
- Capital Area Food Bank  
Housing, Utilities, Health/Medical, Food Assistance  
<https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/get-help/> (Enter you zip code to find local services)

## Social Services

- **Food Supplement Program**

The Food Supplement Program helps low income people buy the food they need for good health. The amount of food supplement applicants are eligible for is based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Thrifty Food Plan. **To apply visit**

<https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/>.

- **Energy Assistance Program**

The Energy Assistance unit provides bill assistance to eligible households to help with the prevention of loss and restoration of home energy service. **To determine if you are eligible, go to <http://dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/local-home-energy-program-office/>**. When calculating your income for the purposes of this program, please use the gross income received in your household by all members in the 30-day period immediately preceding the date of application.

- **Emergency Services**

- The Emergency Assistance Program provides resources to citizens with dependent children who are under 21 years of age, who face an immediate crisis, and need help to resolve the situation. Emergency Assistance may cover, but is not limited to eviction notices, mortgage foreclosures, gas and electric turn-off notices, and delinquent water bills. **Visit**

<https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/>.

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program acts as a clearinghouse for the distribution of donated food. Over 30 local community pantries and shelters currently participate in the program. All food is provided to eligible individuals and families free of charge.

**Call 301-909-6343 for more information.**

- **Crisis Assistance Program**

The Crisis Assistance unit provides housing stabilization assistance to help residents avoid evictions, foreclosures, and other housing related crises. **To determine if you are eligible, call 211 for a telephonic screening.**

- **Temporary Disability Program**

The Temporary Disability Assistance Program provides limited cash assistance to low-income disabled individuals without dependent children and who have no other resources. **Visit <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/> to apply.**

- **Temporary Cash Assistance Program**

The Temporary Cash Assistance program provides cash assistance to needy families with dependent children when available resources do not fully address the family's needs, and while preparing program participants for independence through work. Applicants must interview face-to-face and all financial and technical eligibility factors must be met prior to issuance of benefits.

**Visit <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/> to apply.**

- **Medical Assistance Program**

The Medical Assistance program helps individuals and families pay for medical care. Assistance can include payment for doctor's visits, exams, prescription costs, hospital bills, payment of Medicare premiums, etc. **Visit <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/> to apply.**

- **Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Child Care and Fitness Room Assistance**

Effective January 12, 2019, before and after child care and preschool fees for furloughed residents currently registered will be waived during the time of the shutdown. In addition, facilities will be waiving the requirement for membership fees to use the fitness rooms. The details of the waived fees, for Prince George's County residents only, are:

- A 'Furlough Membership' for the 48\* Fitness Rooms Only at all community centers, Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center, Fairland Sports and Aquatics Complex, and Allentown Splash, Tennis and Fitness Park for any furloughed worker.
- Waiving before & after childcare fees at Community Centers and Therapeutic Recreation including Pre-School, Leisure Skills Development, Leisure & Life Skills, Kids Care, Morning Care, Kids Club, Extended Care, and Kids Day Out for any dependent of furloughed workers.

**This is for Prince George's County Residents only. An official furlough letter must accompany the request.**

- **Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)**

**Montgomery County Public Schools is holding an employment open house for furloughed federal employees and contractors on Jan. 15 and Jan. 18. Attendees can interview and apply for all open positions in the school system, including teacher, substitute teacher, maintenance staff, bus drivers, clerical staff and security staff. Attendees should bring their resume and federal identification. The employment open houses will take place as follows:**

**Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 45 W. Gude Dr., Rockville.**

**Friday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville**

**Utilities:**

- **Washington Gas**

Washington Gas is offering flexible payment plans to government employees affected by the shutdown. One plan lets customers spread winter heating bills across the entire year. Payment deferments are possible, as well as access to the Washington Area Fuel Fund for low-income customers. **Call 1-844-WASHGAS to discuss your individual situation.**

- **WSSC**

If WSSC provides your water, there's help available. The water utility announced it is suspending water service shutoffs. Also, a number of programs are available to lower your bill. **For more information visit:** <https://www.wsscwater.com/contents/news/2019/wssc-assists-federal-workers-imp.html>

- **Maryland's tax collector**

Comptroller Peter Franchot said Tuesday that federal contractors, furloughed employees and people working without pay who are now on payment plans with the state may be granted reduced or even suspended payments during the shutdown.

The aid will help federal workers with personal income liabilities and other outstanding tax obligations.

Affected federal workers, including federal contractors and federal employees working without pay, who may have outstanding Maryland tax obligations, are encouraged to contact the Comptroller of Maryland's Ombudsman's Office via email at [ombudsman@comp.state.md.us](mailto:ombudsman@comp.state.md.us) or call 410-260-4020.

The comptroller's office says each request will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**For additional information and resources please visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/shutdown>.**



**Federal workers can collect unemployment during shutdown :**

<https://money.cnn.com/2013/10/01/news/economy/shutdown-federal-unemployment-benefits/index.html>