**CalFresh (Food Stamps)**

* CalFresh is a nutrition assistance program that helps low-income individuals, families, and seniors purchase food.
  + The amount of benefits an individual or family receives is dependent on the family size, income, and monthly expenses such as housing, childcare, and medical expenses. CalFresh can be used to buy most foods at markets and grocery stores.
  + *The benefits cannot be used to buy alcohol or tobacco products, though they can be used to buy seeds and plants to grow food.*

**Apply by Mail or Fax**

You may download an [English](https://cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/FMUForms/A-D/CF285.pdf) or [Spanish](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/foodstamps/entres/forms/spanish/CF285SP.pdf) application from the California Department of Social Services website. You can also request an application by calling 559-675-2300. Once completed, the application can be mailed or faxed to:

Madera County Department of Social Services  
PO BOX 569  
Madera, CA 93639  
Fax: 559-675-7690

***\*\*\*Expansion of CalFresh to SSI/SSP Recipients!\*\*\****

* *Beginning June 1, 2019, recipients of SSI/SSP benefits may be eligible for CalFresh Food benefits for the first time! There is no change to the SSI/SSP monthly benefit.*

**Expedited CalFresh**

Expedited Services provide CalFresh benefits to potentially eligible households (individuals, families, or groups of people that buy and prepare food together) by the 3rd calendar day following the application date. A weekend (Saturday and Sunday) is considered one calendar day. An applicant may be eligible if:

* The household has less than $150 in monthly income and less than $100 in liquid resources (cash, savings, or checking); or
* The household’s combined monthly income and liquid resources on hand (cash, savings, or checking) are less than your household’s combined monthly rent and utilities; or
* You are a migrant or seasonal farm worker and have less than $100 on hand.

**Congregate Nutrition**

* During the COVID-19 State of Emergency, senior and community centers in Fresno and Madera counties have closed, and Congregate Nutrition meals are no longer being served.

**Contact the Agency on Aging at 559-214-0299 or 800-510-2020 for more information.**

**Nutrition Sites**

Seniors 60 years of age and older—we’re here and ready to serve you! Our comprehensive senior centers and nutrition sites are located across the city and are open Monday through Friday throughout the year. Whether you are interested in joining us midday meal, some fun exercise, a computer class or even meeting a friend or two, we welcome you!

* **Pan-American Community Center**

703 E. Sherwood Way  
Madera, CA 93638  
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
(559) 675-2095

* **Frank Bergon Senior Center**

238 S. D Street  
Madera, CA 93638  
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
(559) 673-4293

**Home Delivered Meals**

The Home-Delivered Meals program provides nutrition risk screening, nutrition education and nutritious meals for persons 60 years of age or older who are homebound because of illness, incapacity, disability, and lack of family support.

* Please call us at **559-214-0299** to find out if you qualify for the program and to be added to our waiting list.

**Senior Nutrition Program**

The Senior Nutrition Program offers adults 60 years and older in Eastern Madera County and the City of Chowchilla a nutritionally balanced, delicious lunch for a suggested donation of $1.75 per meal. Lunch is served on days and times as indicated by site. No senior will be denied a meal due to the inability to donate. Call the site of your choice ahead to reserve a meal.

Meals are served at:

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| Coarsegold Senior Center 35610 Hwy 41 Coarsegold, CA 93614 (559) 683-7953 M/T/Th: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | North Fork Senior Center 56442 Road 200 North Fork, CA 93647 (559) 877-2346 M – F: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Ranchos/Hills Center 37330 Berkshire Drive Madera, CA 93638 (559) 645-4864 M– F: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Sierra Senior Center 49111 Cinder Lane Oakhurst, CA 93644 (559) 683-3811 M – F: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Chowchilla Senior Center 820 Robertson Blvd Chowchilla, CA 93610 (559) 416-6038 M – F 10:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |  |

**FOOD BANKS**

* Madera County Food Bank

Address: 225 S Pine St, Madera, CA 93637

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday from 9AM – 4:30PM

Phone number: [(559) 674-1482](https://www.google.com/search?q=madera+county+food+banks&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS969US969&oq=madera+county+food+banks&aqs=chrome..69i57.6671j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8) | 559-674-2992 (Emergency Food Line)

Website: <https://www.maderafoodbank.com/>

* Central California Food Bank

Contact number/s: (559) 237-3663 (phone) || (559) 237-2527 (fax)

Address: 4010 E. Amendola Drive, Fresno, CA 93725