

# Applying for Emergency Assistance: What you need to know

**Are you behind in your rent or mortgage?**

**Has your landlord given you notice to leave?**

**Have you received a foreclosure notice?**

**Is your family living in a shelter or other temporary place?**

**Have you received a disconnect notice for your utilities or is your heat or electricity shut off?**

If you answered “yes” you may be eligible for **Emergency Assistance (EA)**.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

Your family must include at least one adult and at least one minor child.

Your family must be low income.

You have not gotten EA in the last 12 months.

## **Application:**

To apply for EA, you must:

Complete an EA Application form. You can get the application at your local W-2 agency.

Give the W-2 agency proof that the information reported in your EA application is true.

## **Assistance:**

The assistance payment amount is based on your family size and your situation.

## **Time Frame:**

The goal of EA is to get help to you quickly. If you have given the W-2 agency all the information they asked for, and are eligible, a payment will be issued within five business days of the date you applied. The payment may take longer if your family is homeless and has not yet found a new home.

## **Where to Apply:**