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The federal government shutdown does not have an immediate effect on KCHA operations. For the latest updates on federal funding, please visit kcha.org/about/funding-policy.

Resources: Food, Holidays, Utilities, Library



The federal government will partially fund SNAP benefits (food stamps) for November, but the transfer to recipients will be delayed. We do not know how long it will take or how much benefits will be reduced.

If you need food assistance, here are resources available to help:

King County Human Services Resource Directory

Free meals, senior meals, food pantries, grocery and home-delivered meals
find-human-services.kingcounty.gov/

Food Lifeline

Food banks, meal programs, farmers markets, and community gardens
foodlifeline.org/find-food

Seattle Food Committee

Comprehensive food resource database in Seattle
seattlefoodcommittee.org/find-a-food-bank/

Auburn Food Bank

theauburnfoodbank.org/

Hopelink (Multiple Locations)

Bellevue, Redmond, Shoreline, Kirkland, Carnation
hopelink.org/programs/food-program/

Kent Food Bank Annex – Birch Creek Apartments

12961 SE 275th St, Kent, WA 98030

Maple Valley Food Bank

maplevalleyfoodbank.org/get-help/my-first-visit/

Seattle/King County – St. Vincent De Paul

svdpseattle.org/get-help/food-bank/

Multi-Service Center – Federal Way

mschelps.org/gethelp/food/

Des Moines Area Food Bank

myfoodbank.org/

Kent Food Bank (Main Location)

kentfoodbank.org/

Tukwila Pantry

tukwilapantry.org



If your family needs extra support during the holidays, here is a list of local resources offering free meals, winter clothing, and toy drives. Follow KCHA on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see more resources.

King County Holiday Food Assistance

Therapeutic Health Services (THS) has an alphabetized list of holiday assistance programs throughout King County.

Visit: ths-wa.org

Eastridge Church - Turkey Giveaway

What: Giving away 1,500 turkeys and bags of groceries (while supplies lasts)

When: Saturday, November 22 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Issaquah and West Seattle Campuses

Essentials First - Share Your Blessings

What: Thanksgiving-style meal, tea and coffee, giveaways, and building community

When: Tuesday, November 25 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Together Center - 16305 NE 87th St, Suite 110, Redmond, WA

RSVP: Register [here](#)

USPS Operation Santa

What: Family activity to send wish lists to Santa

When: Letters must be submitted by December 6

Learn more: uspsoperationsanta.com/getinvolved



Strong storms can cause power outages. Be prepared before lights go out and keep your phone fully charged. Here's how to get ready:

Emergency Kit

- **Water** (1 gallon per person, per day)
- **Non-perishable food and can opener**
- **Flashlights and extra batteries**
- **First aid kit**
- **Cash** (ATMs may not be working; small bills are best)
- **Warm clothing, shoes, gloves, and blankets**
- **Sanitation supplies** (moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties)
- **Whistle** to signal for help
- **Family needs** (infant supplies, pet supplies; prescriptions and medications, eyeglasses; emergency phone numbers, important documents)

Safety Recommendations

- Do not use grills, barbeques, or portable generators inside, because these create carbon monoxide which can cause death
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to preserve food.
- Unplug sensitive electronics to protect them from surges when power returns.
- Check on neighbors.

Stay Connected

- Keep a charged power bank for your phone.
- Follow [PSE's outage map](#) online for real-time updates.

Additional PSE
Resources



Discover what's happening at your local library!

- The **King County Library System (KCLS)** has lots of free programs and community resources, including family activities, language practice, creative tools, and community support, there's something for everyone.
- **Family Story Times**
Share stories, songs, and fun with your little ones. Perfect for children, parents, and caregivers.
- **Tech Help for Seniors**
Tech savvy volunteers provide one-on-one help for Windows, Mac, Android and iOS. Bring your smart phone, iPad or laptop and your questions.
- **Puget Sound Training Center**
Drop in to learn about free employment services and skills training programs.
- **WorkSource: Job and Resume Assistance**
Stop by the WorkSource table for help with your resume, preparing for interviews, finding job fairs, and exploring career options.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Find programs &
register



Energy help starts November 3!

Do you need help paying your home energy bill? Hopelink's Energy Assistance Program opens for new appointments on **November 3, 2025**.

- You may qualify for a grant between **\$200** and **\$1,250**.
- Help is available for electricity, gas, oil, wood, or propane.
- If you are a Puget Sound Energy customer, you may also get a monthly bill discount and help with past-due balances.

Get ready to apply

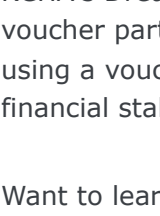
Community Events

ParentMap has rounded up the best family activities around, from holiday light shows and indoor play spots to plenty of free events. Find new ways to make memories without spending a lot of money this season.



- Auburn's annual Veterans Day parade
- Fall Foliage Festival in Federal Way
- State and national parks free day

Click to plan fun



Dream to Keys Homeownership Program

KCHA's Dream to Keys Homeownership Program helps public housing residents and voucher participants turn their housing support into a pathway to owning a home. By using a voucher toward a mortgage, eligible participants can take steps toward financial stability and generational wealth.

Want to learn more? Join a **virtual information session** to get all the details, including how the program works and the first steps to homeownership.

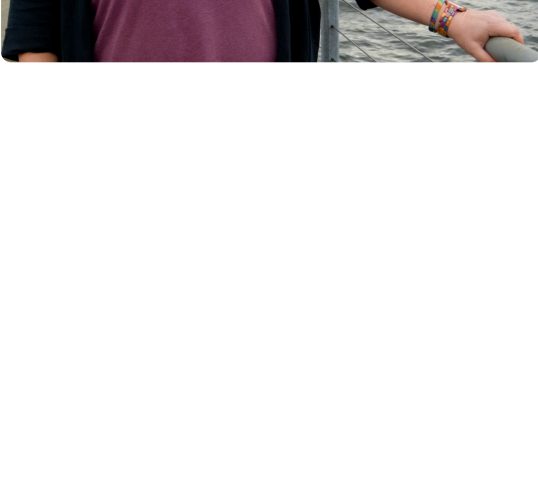
Upcoming Information Sessions (Zoom)

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| • November 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Click to register |
| • November 20 | 12:00 p.m. | Click to register |
| • December 11 | 12:00 p.m. | Click to register |

For full eligibility details and registration, visit our [website](#) or email DreamToKeys@kcha.org.



Share Your Story

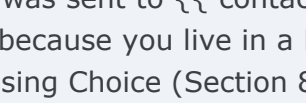


Meet Emily.

When Emily and her kids got an emergency housing voucher, it wasn't just about having a roof overhead. It was about finally being able to breathe. After bouncing between motels and uncertainty, she could tell her children, "This is your room. This is our home." For her, it was a lifeline, a chance to rebuild, to give her kids stability, and to show that safe housing is where families start to thrive.

KCHA believes every story matters, including yours. If you are open to sharing your story on camera or writing your story down, email us at media@kcha.org. Your voice can inspire others and help shape the future of housing in our community.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more updates on events, resources, and other information.



King County Housing Authority

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