



Emergency Social Services is temporary public aid that provides up to 72 hours of essentials like mass lodging and food service provided in churches, schools or stadiums, as well as emergency clothing, basic toiletries, prescriptions or absolute necessities you evacuated without.

For more information visit: www.gov.bc.ca/emergencysocialservices

In many cases, your homeowners or tenant insurance will provide greater support than what is available through public aid (like private accommodations), consult with your insurer to see what is available to you.

Items not permitted under ESS:

- ▶ Multiple items (e.g. large packs of socks or underwear etc.)
- ▶ Bedding and towels, shampoos/conditioners (typically provided in lodging facility)
- ▶ Non-essentials like jewelry, purses, wallets, perfume/cologne
- ▶ Non-essential personal care products like makeup, hair dyes or ANY ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE (including toothbrushes/razors)
- ▶ Personal entertainment, including books/DVDs/CDs, etc.
- ▶ Dietary supplements (unless under a doctor's orders)

It will provide:

- ▶ Over-the-counter drugs for **72 hours only** (suggest travel size)
- ▶ Essential baby supplies for **72 hours only**
- ▶ If group feeding is not provided, a small grocery allowance may be permitted
- ▶ Arrangements for evacuees with special needs or disabilities will be considered



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