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Summary

**Adding the following language in Worker Responsibilities #4 under WAC 388-412-0040,
*Can I get my benefits replaced?***

- 4. Food destroyed in a household disaster or misfortune when the food was purchased with Basic Food benefits:**

A household disaster or misfortune includes events such as a house fire, long-term power outage, or other weather-related mishaps that was caused by reasons beyond the client's control. For example, if a wind storm caused the client to lose power for several days, food benefits may be replaced in this situation. However, if the client lost power for several days because he/she failed to pay the electricity bill, the client would not be eligible to have food benefits replaced.

Food replaced due to a household disaster or misfortune is different than the disaster food program because it **does not** require the federal government to declare a portion of the state as a disaster area before benefits can be replaced.