

Attention

Limitation on Unrelated activities of the TEFAP Program for Distributing Agencies:

1. Activities unrelated to the distribution of TEFAP foods or meal service may be conducted at distribution sites as long as:
 - The person(s) conducting the activity makes clear that the activity is not part of TEFAP and is not endorsed by the Department (impermissible activities include information not related to TEFAP placed in or printed on bags, boxes, or other containers in which commodities are distributed). Recipes or information about commodities, dates of future distributions, hours of operations, or other Federal, State, or local government programs or services for the needy may be distributed without a clarification that the information is not endorsed by the Department of Agriculture;
 - The person(s) conducting the activity makes clear that cooperation is not a condition of the receipt of TEFAP commodities for home consumption or prepared meals containing TEFAP commodities (**cooperation includes contributing money, signing petitions, or conversing with the person(s)**); and
 - The activity is not conducted in a manner that disrupts the distribution of TEFAP commodities or meal service.
2. Eligible recipient agencies and distribution sites shall ensure that activities unrelated to the distribution of TEFAP foods or meal service are conducted in a manner consistent with [paragraph \(1\)](#) of this section.
3. **Termination for violation.** Except as provided in [paragraph \(4\)](#) of this section, State agencies shall immediately terminate from further participation in TEFAP operations any eligible recipient agency that distributes or permits distribution of materials in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of [paragraph \(1\)](#) of this section.
4. **Termination exception.** The State agency may withhold termination of an eligible recipient agency's or distribution site's TEFAP participation if the State agency cannot find another eligible recipient agency to operate the distribution in the area served by the violating organization. In such circumstances, the State agency shall monitor the violating organization to ensure that no further violations occur.