



Food and Nutrition
Service

September 15, 2023

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**EXTENDED - SPECIAL DISASTER RULES FOR ACCEPTING
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
BENEFITS FOR HOT FOOD PURCHASES**

Retail food stores licensed by the Food and Nutrition Service and **located in the following nine Vermont counties** may continue to accept SNAP benefits in exchange for **hot foods** and foods intended to be consumed on retailer premises:

Caledonia, Chittenden, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor counties.

These special rules have been extended through October 17, 2023.

Hot foods purchased with SNAP EBT benefits through this date are NOT subject to sales tax, as they are considered SNAP eligible during this period.

We encourage all SNAP authorized retail food stores in the above areas to post a special notice in the store letting SNAP customers know that they can use their SNAP benefits to purchase hot foods through the above date and, where practical, may remain on the premises to consume those foods.

Thank you for your assistance in aiding those impacted by the recent severe storms and flooding.