



Food and Nutrition
Service

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

Due to recent severe storms and flooding, and effective immediately, **retail food stores** licensed by the Food and Nutrition Service and **located in the following counties** may accept SNAP benefits in exchange for HOT foods and foods intended to be consumed on retailer premises:

Vermont: Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor counties.

These special rules are in effect through August 18, 2023.

Hot foods purchased with SNAP EBT benefits through **August 18, 2023** are NOT subject to sales tax, as the foods mentioned above 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 EBT benefits to purchase hot foods 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.