



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 the power outages, and displacement from homes caused by Hurricane Laura, and effective immediately, **retail food stores** licensed by the Food and Nutrition Service and **located in the State of Louisiana** may continue to accept SNAP benefits in exchange for HOT foods and foods intended to be consumed on retailer premises.

These special rules are in effect through October 31, 2020

When hot foods are purchased with SNAP EBT benefits through October 31, 2020, the purchases 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 State of Louisiana to post a special notice in the store letting SNAP customers know that they may continue to 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 Hurricane Laura.