



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

**Food and
Nutrition
Service**

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

Partial Extension

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

**Bronx, Brooklyn (Kings), Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island (Richmond),
Nassau and Suffolk**

**These special rules are in effect through
February 28, 2013**

When hot foods in the above counties are purchased with SNAP EBT benefits through February 28, 2013, the purchases are NOT subject to sales tax, as the foods mentioned above are considered SNAP eligible during this period. **NOTE: The previous extension for Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Putnam and Sullivan Counties remains in effect only through January 31, 2013.**

We encourage you to continue posting 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the SNAP Retailer Service Center at 877-823-4369. Thank you for your assistance in aiding those affected by Hurricane Sandy.