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

Effective immediately, retail food stores licensed by the Food and Nutrition Service to accept **SNAP benefits** in the following 9 counties within North Carolina under the Presidential Declaration for Individual Assistance can accept SNAP benefits in exchange for HOT foods:  
**Craven, Currituck, Greene, Hertford, Hoke, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, and Wilson.**

**These special rules are in effect through  
May 31, 2011.**

If hot foods are purchased with EBT benefits from April 22, 2011, through May 31, 2011, the purchases are NOT subject to sales tax, as the hot foods are considered SNAP eligible.

We encourage all SNAP authorized retail food stores in these 9 counties listed above to post a special notice in the store letting SNAP customers know that they can use their SNAP EBT card to purchase hot foods during this period.

Thank you for helping us in aiding the victims of recent tornados.