



FOOD STAMP INFORMATION FOR VENDORS

The Food Stamp Program is run by the USDA and has very specific rules, which we must follow. Vendors who wish to accept food stamps must fill out our application and will be issued a yellow sign to indicate they are eligible.

HOW IT WORKS:

The client will go to a central booth and swipe their Quest card. We will issue them the appropriate amount in tokens-wooden nickels in one, five, or ten-dollar denominations. The client presents the tokens to the vendor as payment. No sales tax is collected on the purchase. You may not give cash as change. This is very important. Either give them more product, ask them to make up the difference in cash, or deduct product. You may give them dollar tokens in change if they have, for example, a \$3 purchase and only a \$5 token. At the end of the market you bring your tokens to the EBT booth for reimbursement. You can accumulate tokens if there are not very many but we appreciate you not holding them too long as they are in limited supply.

WHAT IS ELIGIBLE:

- All fresh produce
- Meat, fish, poultry
- Eggs
- Dairy products
- Honey
- Jams, pickles, salsa, vinegars, dried fruits & vegetables, etc.
- Breads and cereals, sweet rolls
- Vegetable, fruit and edible herb plants, seeds for food plants, potato starts
- bottled water, cups of juice

NOT ELIGIBLE:

- Any non food items, pet foods, soap, etc
- Vitamins, medicines
- Hot foods including coffee
- Food that will be eaten on the premises (sweet rolls are permitted)
- Non-food plants or seeds. Lavender is considered non-food.
- Live animals, such as chickens.

REMEMBER:

- Do not exchange Food Stamp tokens for cash. No change in cash.
- Food and edible plant items only
- Hot foods are ineligible
- Retailers shall not collect state or local sales tax on purchases
- Food Stamp clients are to be treated with the same respect as all customers