

ACCEPTING SNAP AT THE DOREY PARK FARMERS MARKET

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Dorey Park Farmers Market believes everyone should have access to fresh, healthy, local food. Accepting electronic Food Stamps allows SNAP clients to use their benefits to purchase nutritious local foods and support local farmers and producers. DPFM also offers SNAP match through the Virginia Fresh Match program which doubles SNAP purchases dollar for dollar up to a certain amount — meaning SNAP customers get \$10 worth of food for only \$5 from their SNAP account.

We also offer Little SNAPs, a solely market-funded incentive program for families with children that use SNAP benefits at the market. Families with 1 child are provided an additional \$10 in matching dollars and families with 2 or more children are provided an additional \$20 in matching SNAP dollars.

The following are SNAP eligible items:

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Seeds & Plants that grow food
- Baked Goods that are wrapped, labeled, and intended for home consumption
- Fish & Seafood Products
- Meat & Poultry Products
- Dairy Products including eggs
- Jams, Sauces & Syrup
- Honey Products
- Breads & Cereals
- **If you are uncertain whether your product meets the above criteria – ask the Market Manager**

HOW DO WE PROCESS SNAP BENEFITS AT THE DPFM?

To conduct a SNAP transaction at the DPFM, the SNAP customer stops at the information tent where the Market Manager asks the SNAP customer how much they intend to spend. The Manager then swipes the customer's card through the DPFM EBT machine and enters the amount of money the customer would like to withdraw from his or her account. After swiping the card, the customer will enter his or her personal identification number (PIN) on the machine pad. The customer will then be given the correct amount of dollars in the form of \$1 wooden tokens to spend with any of the approved producers. **No change in cash can be given for SNAP tokens.**

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM PRODUCERS?

The Market Manager will provide a reusable pouch and SNAP reporting form at the beginning of the market day.

Customers will take their tokens to the producer at the market to purchase SNAP eligible items. The producer will collect all tokens and place them in the market-provided bag. At the end of

the market, the producer will count, confirm and record the amount of tokens collected by the producer on the reporting form and the Market Manager will collect the pouches.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, PAYMENT INFORMATION AND DATE ON THE REPORTING FORM.

The Market Manager will then reimburse the producer not later than Monday after the market Saturday via Venmo or Paypal. If the producer prefers, a check will be issued for the reimbursement of the amount of tokens collected and the check will be provided to the producer on the next market Saturday that the producer attends.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Do not hesitate to contact Cappie at cappie@doreyparkfarmersmarket.org.