

WALTHAM FARMERS' MARKET TOKENS

In addition to using cash, customers at the Waltham Farmers' Market have the option of using our wooden market tokens for their purchases. Customers buy the tokens at the Market Information Tent using their EBT/SNAP ("food stamps") or their DEBIT or CREDIT cards.

Vendors collect tokens throughout the market day and return them to the market token coordinator at the end of the market. Vendors receive reimbursement checks from the Waltham Farmers' Market once \$25 in tokens have been collected, on a schedule that vendors choose – most commonly, monthly or on the next date that the vendor attends.

There are two token types: BLUE for SNAP, and GREEN for debit or credit.



EBT/SNAP (BLUE)

Market tokens with blue lettering are available in values of \$1 and \$5. Blue tokens have been purchased with federal EBT/SNAP benefits and are for food purchases only. When customers purchase the tokens from the market tent, we are matching their SNAP benefits dollar-for-dollar up to \$10 per week per customer.

FOOD ONLY-

Okay: Produce, cheese, meat, bread, candy, cold prepared foods, seeds and plants for growing food.

Not okay: alcohol, pet food, any non-food item, and any food served hot or "meant to be eaten in the store," such as hot meals, ice cream or coffee by the cup.

NO CHANGE- you may not give cash change in any amount for the EBT tokens. They will be in \$1 and \$5 denominations. Customers can always come back to the market Information tent to exchange a \$5 token for 5 \$1 tokens. Customers will understand that they make up the difference to you in cash if the sale does not come to an equal dollar amount.



DEBIT/CREDIT (GREEN)

The Market also sells large green \$5 tokens to debit/credit card customers for use at any vendor. There are no green \$1 tokens.

NO RESTRICTIONS – unlike blue token SNAP/EBT sales, there are no restrictions on what the customer may buy with the green debit/credit tokens. They are the same as cash and cash change must be given to your customers.

NO VENDOR SERVICE FEES – The Market charges debit/credit customers a small token handling fee per transaction at the time the tokens are purchased at the market tent. SNAP/EBT customers pay no fee for tokens. **We expect our vendors to participate in this service, and it works best for everyone if you do– there is no cost to vendors for this service.**

Please contact Martha Creedon, 781-899-0324 or Martha@walthamfarmersmarket.org with any questions or concerns that you may have.