



# Make your SNAP dollars go further at the Waltham Farmers' Market!



**USDA**

**Supplemental  
Nutrition  
Assistance  
Program**

Putting Healthy Food  
Within Reach



Fresh. Canned. Dried. Frozen.  
**It's HIP to be healthy!**

## Got SNAP?? Great news, you have HIP too!

HIP puts money back on your EBT card at the Waltham Farmers' Market, visit Dick's Market Garden or Sibling Organic Crops.

### What is HIP (Healthy Incentive Program)?

HIP is an incentive program sponsored by the State that helps you earn extra SNAP benefits. This monthly benefit automatically gets deposited to your account on the first of the month.

### Do I have to do anything to sign up for HIP?

No, HIP is automatically included on your EBT card.

### How does HIP work?

You earn HIP benefits when you use your EBT card at the Waltham Farmers' Market (WFM) vendors: Dick's (weekly vendor) or Sibling (check website for schedule), and the amount you spend is immediately put back on your EBT card. Please note that you need to spend SNAP benefits on fruit and vegetables to earn HIP benefits.

### What is the amount of my monthly benefit?

The amount of your monthly benefit is based on your SNAP benefits, households of 1-2 people earn \$40/month; 3-5 people earn \$60/month; and households with 6 or more people earn \$80/month.

### How do I earn HIP benefits?

You can only earn the amount equal to your monthly benefit (\$40, \$60 or \$80 depending on the number of people in your household). The vendor receipt will show the money taken out of your account and then the same amount added back into the account.

# Here's how SNAP and HIP benefits work together:

## SAMPLE RECEIPT

This shows your starting SNAP balance. "SNAP Purchase" is how much you spent with your EBT card. "HIP Earned" is how much of that purchase is HIP eligible. The "SNAP Purchase" was immediately refunded with the "HIP Earned", which is why there is no change in your SNAP balance.

"HIP Earned MTD" is how much HIP you have EARNED this month. You can find out how much HIP you can still earn this month by subtracting "HIP Earned MTD" from your monthly HIP Cap (\$40, \$60, or \$80)

Verizon 12:38 PM 54%

Receipt Details Done

Proc#: 3906152 02/22/2017  
Term#: T0000001 12:36:49 PM

SNAP Purchase

Card Num: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx3245 \*  
Settlement Date: 02/22/2017  
Merchant: < No Merchant >  
(Market Manager)

Balance Summary:

SNAP Begin Bal:	230.00
SNAP Purchase :	-20.00
HIP Earned :	20.00
SNAP End Bal :	230.00

Cash Balance :	100.00
HIP Earned MTD:	25.00

Result: Approved  
Auth #: 123456

Send

## What else do I need to know about HIP?

- \* You must have money in your SNAP account in order to earn HIP benefits.
- \* HIP purchases require the vendor to process using your EBT card.
- \* If you don't use up your monthly HIP benefit, the extra money will not be added to the next monthly allotment.
- \* This is EXTRA money you can earn back onto your EBT card each month, in addition to your regular monthly SNAP benefits.

## Where can I get more information about HIP?

1. If you're at the WFM, stop by the Info Tent and someone can help.
2. Call Project Bread's wwFoodSource Hotline at 800-645-8333 (Monday-Friday 8am-7pm and Saturday 10am-2pm).
3. Visit the website: [www.mass.gov/HIP](http://www.mass.gov/HIP) or call 800-997-2555.

## REMINDER ABOUT THE WFM MATCHING FUNDS FOR EBT CARDHOLDERS

WFM is pleased to offer its own benefit as well, a weekly matching benefit. Bring your EBT card to the Info Tent to purchase SNAP tokens that can be used throughout the market for any SNAP-eligible foods. Tokens will be doubled up to \$10 for one time each Saturday.