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Louisiana Tropical Storm Arthur - Special Disaster Rules for Accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits for Hot Foods

Effective immediately through August 13, 2026, authorized SNAP retailers in Louisiana may accept SNAP benefits in exchange for hot foods and foods intended to be consumed on retailer premises.

Approved Counties

Statewide

Duration

These special rules are in effect through August 13, 2026. Hot foods purchased with SNAP benefits during this time are **not** subject to sales tax.

Recommendations

We encourage all SNAP retailers in the State to post a special notice in the store letting SNAP customers know that they can use their SNAP benefits to purchase hot foods and, where practical, may remain on the premises to consume those foods.

Thank you for your assistance in aiding those impacted by Tropical Storm Arthur.

Sincerely,

Retailer Policy Division
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