



Accepting Food Assistance Benefits and Credit/Debit at the Texas Township Farmers' Market

We **strongly encourage** all eligible vendors at the Texas Township Farmers' Market (TTFM) to participate in our credit/debit and food assistance programs, but participation is voluntary. Please remember that there is no cost to you, the vendor, or the shopper to participate in these programs. To read more about each of these programs and the client eligibility requirements, please visit www.texastownship.org/farmers-market.

To accept **Credit/Debit Tokens, Bridge Card Tokens, Double Up Food Bucks Tokens, WIC Project FRESH** coupons and/or **Market FRESH** coupons at the TTFM, you must:

- Have a signed a contract for EACH program on file with the market manager and have undergone training (either one-on-one or at the annual pre-season vendor meeting)
- Sell the eligible items for the programs in which you participate (see table below)
- Display all product prices clearly
- Display signage clearly for each program
- NOT provide change or exchange currency for cash, except for Credit/Debit tokens

Here is the process for SNAP (Bridge Cards), Double Up Food Bucks and Credit/Debit at the market:

1. Customers can visit the Market Information table (located on the east wing of the Pavilion) to obtain TTFM Credit/Debit Tokens (\$5 each), SNAP Tokens (\$1 each) and/or Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) Tokens (\$2 each), using their credit/debit card or their Michigan Bridge Card (SNAP). There is no fee or cost to the customer for these services, nor to the vendors.
2. Customers will then come to your booth and purchase eligible goods.
NOTE: The law and program policies prohibit giving cash in exchange for SNAP, DUFB or Project FRESH coupons. Please round purchases to the nearest whole dollar or adjust product quantities accordingly.
3. Vendors return Tokens to the Market Information table and receive a receipt from the Texas Township Farmers' Market Manager, Emily Beutel, or one of the trained market volunteers.
4. Reimbursement checks will be issued at least monthly, or when the total value of food assistance benefits and/or credit/debit redeemed reaches \$20, and will be distributed by the Market Manager.

Shoppers receive WIC Project FRESH and Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH coupons from state or county agencies and can spend them at the market during the designated season start and end dates.

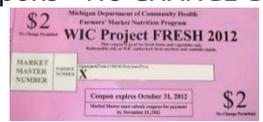
Benefit acceptance timelines at the TTFM:

- Credit/Debit: Accepted all season
- SNAP (Bridge Cards, EBT): Accepted all season
- Double Up Food Bucks: Accepted all season
- WIC Project FRESH: Accepted June 1 – October 31
- Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH: Accepted May 1 – October 31

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Beutel, Market Manager, at 269-501-1107 or farmersmarket@texastownship.org.



Food Assistance Programs and Eligible Items Chart

Program	Fruits, Veggies	Meats, Eggs and Dairy	Baked Goods	Potted food plants/ herbs	Honey	Ready-to-Eat Foods	Michigan-grown only
Credit/Debit \$5 Tokens – Change Given  <i>Eligible for ALL items at the market</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bridge Cards (a.k.a. SNAP, EBT) \$1 Tokens – NO CHANGE GIVEN 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Double Up Food Bucks \$2 Tokens – NO CHANGE GIVEN 	✓						✓
WIC Project FRESH \$2 coupons – NO CHANGE GIVEN  <i>please note coupon colors change annually</i>	✓						✓
Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH \$2 coupons – NO CHANGE GIVEN  <i>please note coupon colors change annually</i>	✓				✓		✓



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