

## **Vendor Token Program**

Good Local Markets accepts Lone Star EBT SNAP cards (food stamps), debit/check cards, and credit cards at all locations. This program allows customers to buy tokens from the market so they don't need to have cash on-hand. Accepting LONE STAR enables us to widen your customer base and at the same time, bring healthy, local foods to low-income residents of our community. It also allows vendors to avoid the cost and inconvenience of accepting credit cards.

#### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

Customers will use their Lone Star cards, credit, or bank debit cards, to purchase tokens from the GLM information booth. Tokens are in \$1 and \$5 amounts. Customers can use the tokens to purchase items at the market from participating vendors. At the end of the day, vendors will trade the tokens with GLM for cash. At the end of the day-30 minutes before market closing time-vendors will redeem these tokens with GLM for cash.

### THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF TOKENS

Blue tokens can be used for anything at the market, which includes ALL food and non-food items. Red tokens are ONLY for fresh food and edible plants only. See chart below for acceptable items. If a customer does not have exact change in red tokens, politely request that they return to the GLM booth to get the exact amount of tokens needed.



Blue Tokens = Cash
Can be used for any purchase and YES vendors SHOULD GIVE CASH CHANGE.



Red Tokens = LoneStar
Can be used for allowable items only
AND DO NOT GIVE CASH BACK FOR
CHANGE. Customers need exact
change in tokens to make a purchase.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RED TOKENS	DO NOT ACCEPT RED TOKENS FOR
YES: Fruits and Vegetables; Food Producing Plants or Seeds	<b>NO</b> Hot or cold foods to eat at market (coffee, hot tamales, tacos, popsicles)
YES: Meat, Poultry, Fish, Eggs and Dairy	NO: Flowers, Decorative Plants, Non-food Plants
<b>YES:</b> Breads and other Baked Goods; Cereal and Edible Grains	NO: Arts and Crafts, Soap or Non-Food Items
<b>YES:</b> Specialty foods to take home and cook (frozen tamales, frozen pizza crust, ground coffee)	NEVER GIVE ANY KIND OF CHANGE FOR RED TOKENS. DON'T EVER GIVE CASH AS CHANGE AND DON'T EXCHANGE RED TOKENS FOR CASH.

## **Double Dollar Program**

Double Dollar is a nutrition incentive program that helps food-insecure individuals afford more fresh, local produce by doubling the purchasing power of their SNAP or WIC benefits at our farmers market and farm stand locations. SNAP dollars are doubled up to \$20 in additional funds at market locations, and WIC dollars are matched \$2 for every \$6 voucher used. Double Dollars are only used on produce and edible plant starts.

# DOUBLE DOLLARS MAY ONLY BE ACCEPTED FOR PRODUCE. NO CASH MAY BE GIVEN.

