



## **Crossroads CSA SNAP/EBT User Agreement**

Crossroads Farmers Market operates a successful multi-farm Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program from our farmers market where we have had a long history of making healthy, fresh produce more affordable. For example, since 2007, more than 1,300 households in the community have had their SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits doubled at the market!

This year, Crossroads is opening up its CSA program to participants in the SNAP program. A CSA program operates by connecting consumers directly to farmers. Consumers buy a "share" which is distributed to them weekly as a box of fresh produce. Through this program, funds will go directly to local farmers.

Here are some guidelines of how the program will work:

- 1.) SNAP participants in the CSA are required to pick up their CSA share at the Crossroads Farmers Market, every Wednesday 11-3 in Takoma Park.
- 2.) SNAP participants are required to bring their EBT cards with them for payment each week. As a result of regulations, SNAP participants in the Crossroads CSA program are required to pay for their share on a weekly basis, using the funds from their EBT card.
- 3.) Before the start of the CSA season, the CSA user paying with SNAP/EBT must agree to pay \$33.00 in either cash, credit card or check as insurance for missed weeks. That way, if a CSA shareholder paying with SNAP/EBT misses up to three weeks of picking up a share, that share has been paid for and Crossroads farmers won't lose any money. This \$33.00 will be returned to the member at the end of the season. This also means that if any member misses more than three weeks of picking up his/her share without previous notice, this CSA membership will be terminated.
- 4.) If the CSA shareholder does not have adequate funds on his/her EBT card during a given week, he/she may also pay with cash, credit or debit card.
- 5.) If the CSA shareholder fails to pick up his/her CSA before 3pm during any given week, that CSA share will be sold.

6.) Crossroads operates a “Fresh Checks” program that doubles federal nutrition benefits. This means that a typical CSA share costing \$22.00/week will then cost \$11.00/week for the CSA shareholder paying with SNAP benefits (\$11.00 paid by Fresh Checks).

7.) The Crossroads CSA often contains add-ons of flowers and other non-food items. Because of regulations, Crossroads is unable to allow SNAP users to purchase add-ons in their CSA share.

Please fill out the last page of this agreement and return to it to Crossroads with your \$33.00 deposit. You can return it to Crossroads via email ([lwhitehurst@crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org](mailto:lwhitehurst@crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org)) OR by mail:

Crossroads Community Food Network  
6930 Carroll Ave, Suite 426  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

## CSA/SNAP Member Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the following terms and conditions set above by Crossroads Community Food Network. By signing my name, I certify that I have full knowledge of the functionality of the Crossroads CSA program. By signing my name, I agree that I will participate in the Crossroads CSA for the entirety of its 31-week season, from May 31<sup>st</sup> until December 27<sup>th</sup>. I agree to the terms that I will pay for the CSA either with my SNAP/EBT card or another form of payment (cash, credit card, check). If I am not able to pick up or pay for my CSA share at any point of the season, I will notify the CSA Coordinator 48 hours in advance. I understand that failure to provide payment for the CSA share could result in my termination from that program.

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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