

Retailer Notice

Nebraska Bans Unhealthy Beverages from SNAP EBT

Beginning January 1, 2026, Nebraska SNAP retailers cannot accept SNAP EBT payments for soft drinks and energy drinks.

Soft drinks are any carbonated non-alcoholic beverage that contains water, a sweetening agent (including but not limited to sugar, high-fructose corn syrup, or artificial sweeteners), flavoring and carbon dioxide gas to create carbonation and is intended for human consumption.

Energy drinks are any carbonated or non-carbonated beverages containing a stimulant such as fortified caffeine, guarana, glucuronolactone, or taurine that is intended for human consumption.

Soft Drinks and Energy Drinks do not include beverages that contain milk or milk products; soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes; mineral water sold in containers; or specialty foods that are liquids or that are to be added to a liquid and that are intended to be a substitute in the diet for more commonly used food items. This can include, but is not limited to, infant formula or meal replacement shakes.

You will need to comply with these changes. If you do not comply, FNS may withdraw your SNAP authorization, and you will no longer be able to accept SNAP EBT.

For more information on Nebraska's SNAP Food Restrictions, please visit the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services' [SNAP Retailer webpage](#).

If you have questions, please contact DHHS.SNAPRetailers@nebraska.gov.

For a complete list of states implementing similar changes and to review the [Nebraska SNAP Food Restriction Waiver approval](#), visit USDA's [SNAP Food Restriction Waivers](#).

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