

Swede Bucks

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Swede Bucks?

Swede Bucks are gift certificates that come in \$5 or \$20 denominations. They are worth face value and are spent like cash or a check at participating Gothenburg Chamber member businesses.

Who can purchase Swede Bucks?

Anyone can purchase Swede Bucks. They make great gifts, employee bonuses and contest prizes.

Where can I purchase Swede Bucks?

Swede Bucks can be purchased only at the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce office, 1001 Lake Ave.

Where can I spend Swede Bucks?

Swede Bucks can be redeemed only at Chamber member businesses. A list is available at the Chamber office. You should always ask before you spend.

Will I get change if my total is less than the Swede Bucks redeemed?

For merchants, Swede Bucks function much the same as accepting a check, so if the business would normally offer change for a check written over the amount, then you should receive change for your purchase.

Can Swede Bucks be exchanged for cash?

Swede Bucks are designed to generate local spending. To allow Swede Bucks to be exchanged for cash would contradict the goal of the program. They also cannot be deposited directly into a bank account.

Do Swede Bucks expire?

While Swede Bucks carry a six-month expiration date to encourage their timely use, they can always be updated at the Chamber office.

What do businesses do with Swede Bucks used to purchase goods or services?

After filling in the "Redeemed by" space on the Swede Bucks, Chamber member businesses may deposit their Swede Bucks the same as they would any check.

Does the Chamber benefit from the sale of Swede Bucks?

Because Swede Bucks are purchased dollar-for-dollar and redeemed the same, the Chamber does not receive any direct revenue from their use. Local businesses, however, benefit from the transactions the same as they would from accepting cash.