

SHOREVIEW

Farmers Market



Shoreview Farmers Market Indoor Market Vendor Handbook

Shoreview Community Center
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Market Mission Statement

- To enhance community health with fresh, locally grown produce and plants.
- To encourage local production of food to reduce food costs, improve mental and physical health, and foster a positive family and individual activity.
- To educate children and youth about food production.

Contact Information

Office and Mailing Address

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4580 Victoria Street North
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Market Location

Shoreview Community Center
Upper Level - Fireside Lounge

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The Shoreview Farmers Market guidelines and rules are intended to ensure

- The market is a safe and enjoyable place for residents and visitors to gather and purchase locally grown and produced items.
- The Market and its vendors comply with federal, state, county, and local regulations.
- The Market plays a positive role in the community and has a welcoming environment.
- That vendor has a fair, equitable, and respectful atmosphere in which to conduct their business.

Application, Fees & Payment Process

- All applicants must complete a vendor application and return it by the deadline date before consideration for participation in the market.
- The season fee must be paid at the time of submitting an application. The season fee will be returned if the vendor is not accepted into the Market. Payments can be made in the form of a check (made payable to the City of Shoreview), Visa, master card, or cash.
- Only one applicant per household and/or farm, garden, or nursery will be allowed. Any household applying under multiple names will not be considered.
- Applying does not guarantee acceptance into the market.
- Once an application is accepted in writing (mail or email), the season fee is nonrefundable.
- Any form of refund would only be through a documented unusual hardship or compassionate reason on approval by City officials in their sole discretion. Any such refund request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A \$75 administrative fee will apply in all cases.
- The City of Shoreview shall review and approve all vendor applications before a vendor can participate in the market. Space at the market and the items a vendor offers will be factors in determining approval, as well as history with the market, attendance and past performance, and balance of market offerings.
- During the selection of a vendor, the City shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance.
- In addition, changes in vendor participation may occur at the sole discretion of the market staff and/or city officials based on factors such as customer attendance changes, changes in the market vision, or changes in market plans.

Vendors

- Items must be homegrown, locally produced, or made by the vendor.
- Vendors or additional sellers that assist the vendor are expected to attend the market to sell their products. Additional sellers that assist at the booth may be designated and must be listed on the vendor application. No one under the age of 18 may sell or maintain a stall without adult supervision.
- Alcohol and drugs are prohibited at the market. Smoking is prohibited at the market, including in a vendor vehicle or stall.
- Vendors are not allowed to have pets/animals at the market, including in a vendor vehicle or stall. It is against the Minnesota Department of Agriculture regulations.

Attendance

- Vendors are expected to attend all markets for which they are scheduled/listed on the application. Attendance will be taken each market by market staff.
- Vendors must notify market staff if they are not coming to the market.
 - Call the farmers market voicemail: 651-490-4734
 - Email: farmersmarket@shoreviewmn.gov
- Repeated late arrivals or absences by a vendor, with or without notice, may result in suspension or revocation of a vendor's selling rights.
- If a vendor needs to leave the early market, prior approval is needed. Vendor will work with market staff.
- If a personal emergency arises after the market opens and a vendor feels they must leave, please notify market staff, who will do their best to facilitate departure.

Market Goods

The following items are approved for sale at the Shoreview Farmers Market (Indoor Market):

Products appropriate for the market

- Fresh fruits & vegetables (including certified organic)
- Frozen farm-raised meats & eggs
- Cheese/dairy products
- Honey/maple syrup
- Baked goods (desserts, bread)
- Canned goods (salsa, sauces, jam/jelly, pickles)
- Jerky
- Herbs/spices

- Kettle corn, nuts, granola
- Pet treats & etc.

Artisan products

- Fresh-cut flowers & plants
- Metal & woodwork
- Glass, pottery & garden art
- Photography & candles
- Jewelry
- Soaps & natural body products
- Rugs & textile items

Products not appropriate for the market

- Home party or consultant type of businesses (ex., Tupperware, Mary Kay)
- Businesses, non-profits, those running for elected office, fundraising groups, and/or organizations wanting to promote their company.

General market goods criteria

- Products other than those listed may be approved for sale if the market staff determines the items would benefit the market as a whole.
- No live animals may be sold or given away at the Market.
- Vendors may not sell any items not approved or not included on their market application. Market staff has the right to require a vendor to remove unapproved products.
- Vendors seeking to sell items not listed on their application must request approval in writing (email acceptable) to add items to their application. These additional items cannot be sold until market staff approval is received.
- Market staff reserves the right to inspect a vendor's greenhouse, garden, farm, field, or other place of production to verify that the products being sold meet market qualifications.

- All items must be prepared, labeled, displayed, and stored following the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Health, and Ramsey County Community Health Department guidelines.
- Produce sold as Certified Organic must have originated from an organic-grown Certified Farm, and the vendor must provide a copy of the vendor's National Organic Standard certificate as provided by a USDA-accredited agent.
- All items should be sold in bulk, bundle, or as individual items. Items sold by weight units of measure require a Minnesota State Certified Scale.
- Solicitation unrelated to the sale of Market Goods is prohibited without City approval.
- Price, terms of sale, etc. are between buyer and seller only.
- All vendors agree to abide by fair business practices.

Market Operations

- The market is held in rain, shine, and snow. Some instances of severe weather can affect market operations. This includes situations of severe weather forecasting, lightning, thunder, downpours, extreme heat or cold, wind, or snow. Hours may be adjusted for inclement weather. Call 651-490-4734 to check for weather updates in our area.
- In the event of severe inclement weather, the Market Manager will record a message on the weather line at 651-490-4765.
- If the market is canceled for any reason, market staff will make every effort to contact vendors through phone and/or e-mail. Market staff will also determine if vendors are excused to leave early due to severe weather based on the information available and weather reports.
- It is acceptable for a vendor to call and say they are not comfortable attending because of weather conditions. Also, if a vendor arrives at the market and conditions are not good for their product or setup, they should make the decision if it is conducive for them to participate and notify staff accordingly.
- No refunds will be given if the market is canceled, delayed, or closed early for any reason.
- It is the vendor's responsibility to keep their contact information up to date in the event the market is canceled.
- Market staff will send out an email before the indoor market dates and let vendors know what time they can start setting up. Vendors can park in the upper level parking lot.
- The market will start promptly at the start time that is advertised. No presales of market goods or exchange of money are allowed. The start and close of the market will be announced with market staff letting vendors know. Vendor-to-vendor sales are open.
- Vendors must remain until the market closes even if sold out. Feel free to use this time to promote your product and encourage future visits from customers. Vendors may not take down displays until the Market closes. This includes putting products away, taking down tents, tables, etc.
- No water is provided or available for vendors as a hand washing station. Restrooms are provided in the Shoreview Community Center; however, this is no potable water for stalls.

Stalls & Set Up

- Having a stall in one season is no guarantee that a vendor will have the same stall in any subsequent season.
- Stall spaces are assigned by management to allow for the best product mix, traffic flow, or electrical needs
- We will provide each vendor with one (8ft) table and 2 chairs.
- Vendors may not transfer, assign, sell, rent, or lease their stall.
- Market staff has the authority to move and reassign stall space to enhance or facilitate market operations at any time during the season, whether temporarily or permanently.
- All items must be contained within a vendor's assigned space. Market staff may ask that unsightly, inappropriate, unauthorized, or unsafe materials be removed or moved.
- If a vendor sets up in the wrong location, Market staff will make the decision on what occurs depending on how many other vendors are present and set up.

Displays

- All items offered for sale should have the type and variety of products and prices prominently displayed.
- The general cleanliness of the market area is everyone's responsibility. All vendors must keep their area neat while selling and make certain that the area is clean before leaving.
- All market vendors should represent themselves in an appropriate manner, dress, and state of cleanliness. Shirts and shoes must be worn.
- Vendors must remove all trash from the market area after the market closes. This includes product debris, bags, and boxes as a result of their sales. Trash cans are provided only for incidental trash.

Permits, Licenses, Taxes & Insurance

- All vendors are required to return an ST-19 Operator Certificate of Compliance form with their application to be accepted into the Shoreview Farmers Market - indoor market.
- All permits and licenses required by the City of Shoreview, Ramsey County, the State of Minnesota, or the Federal Government are the sole responsibility of the vendors.
- Any required sales tax collections and remittances are the sole responsibility of the vendors.
- The City of Shoreview is not liable for any injury, illness, theft, loss, or damage of any kind to either the buyer or seller, or their property, arising out of or pertaining to preparation for, participation in, or use or consumption of products bought, sold, or provided at the Shoreview Farmers Market; whether such injury, illness, theft, loss or damage occurred prior, during, or after the Shoreview Farmers Market. By participating in the Shoreview Farmers Market, Seller further agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Shoreview harmless for and against any claims for such injury, illness, theft, loss, or damage.
- All vendors are required to carry their own general liability and product liability insurance, as the City does not provide this coverage to vendors.

Sampling

All vendors & staff must practice these standards to prevent the transfer of pathogens between vendors/staff and therefore to foods. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

Food Protection:

- Food samples are limited to a maximum of a 3-ounce serving per sample.
- For serving samples, all samples must be in disposable single-use containers or offered using disposable single-use utensils (such as a toothpick or small plastic spoon). All foods and single-service items including paper napkins, plastic spoons, paper plates, plastic cups, etc. must be stored at least six (6) inches off the ground.
- All foods offered for sale must be protected from contamination.
- Baking and processed foods must be pre-packaged at the point of production, and smaller items such as muffins must be packaged in lots of at least 3 to discourage eating on site.
- Containers and wrappings must be single-use only.
- Do not allow any unauthorized person access to where food is being prepared.
- Racks, shelves, or tables must be provided for all food displays and all food must be at least 15cm off the ground.
- Clean up the serving area often, being especially careful to pick up food scraps that fall on the ground.

Hand washing equipment:

- At your booth, you must use a gravity hand washing station: this includes a container with a spigot handle that is filled with warm water, a bucket to catch the wastewater, a liquid soap dispenser, single service towels, a waste bucket for towels, and a nail brush. All wastewater must be disposed of in an approved sanitary sewer system. Disposal of the wastewater on the ground or in a storm sewer is not acceptable.

Personnel Handling Food:

- Vendors must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene and cleanliness.
- Vendors experiencing illness must be prohibited from any contact with food.
- Vendors must wear effective hair control when sampling/selling food.
- Hand contact with food must be minimized. When possible, use single-service tissue paper, tongs, spoons, etc when handling food. You must wear plastic gloves at all times when administering food samples. You need to change your gloves between handling samples and anything else (e.g., money).
- Vendors are not allowed to eat, drink, or smoke while handling food.
- Vendors must wash their hands in warm water and soap before handling food, after eating, coughing, sneezing, drinking, using the restroom, and taking a break.

For more information, read Minnesota Statute 28A.151