

2011 Uptown Westerville Farmers' Market RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Life is short. Whiners will be dealt with swiftly and severely.

2. All items sold at this market are to be grown/raised or made in Ohio.

Farmers are to sell what they produce. All produce must be grown in Ohio. We allow homemade baked goods, cheeses, jams, etc. provided the processed foods have met all State and Local regulations and are made in Ohio. Artisan food vendors must make what they sell. All plants and flowers for sale must be raised in Ohio by the vendor.

3. Out of respect for our Uptown Westerville dining establishments the Market is not to be a concession area. Foods are to be packaged for off premises consumption. Free samples are encouraged and permitted.

4. One vehicle is allowed for delivery of goods to the market. Only one vehicle can be parked at the market site. The Market Manager will decide which vehicles can be parked at the site and which must be parked elsewhere.

5. Tables and stands used to display and sell the goods are to be provided by the vendor.

6. The Market Manager will assign vendor location.

7. **Vendors should be in place 30 minutes before the market begins at 3 p.m. and plan to stay through conclusion at 6 p.m. If a vendor is not in place by 2:30 p.m., the Market Manager reserves the right to place someone in your spot unless you have notified the Market Manager in advance that you will not be at the market on time. We also reserve the right to place another vendor in your spot should you not be using your spot on a specific date. **NO SALES BEFORE 3 P.M.**

A level playing field: It is the intent of market management to open at 3 p.m. with every market vendor ready to do business. Every vendor is expected to do their best to make that happen.

Vendors are expected to maintain a presence at the market until 6 p.m. (see Rule No. 17). If a vendor sells out before 6 p.m., that vendor, as a person(s), does not have to physically staff their sold-out space, but the tent, signage, and a table need to remain until 6 p.m.

8. Vendors must have signs on their tables or vehicles identifying their farm or business. These signs must not intrude into the pedestrian walkways.

9. Vendors are to set their own prices.

10. No smoking on market premises.

11. No loud radios, audio systems, shouting out to customers, or shouting of prices.

12. Vendors are to provide their own tent and rain gear. Since the market is rain or shine, to deal with wind and inclement weather, tie-downs and/or weights are required for your tent.

In the event of lightning, severe weather or tornado sirens, the market will suspend activity until the area is safe.

13. Vendors are to clean their areas: remove all produce, containers, signs, and trash before they leave.

14. All vendors must have Liability Insurance to cover their risks at the market. Remember, there are crazy people everywhere.

15. The City of Westerville and the Uptown Westerville Farmers' Market are to be named as secondary insured on your liability policy.

16. All vendors are to notify the Market Manager if they are running late or are unable to attend the market.

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Knowing about vendor presence or absence every single week affects management's ability to market the market (see Rule No. 17).

And, if we don't hear from you and you don't show, how do we know you're not lying in ditch somewhere?

A vendor who consistently slows set up by leaving market management in the dark will lose their assigned weekly spot and will need to factor in time to check with the market manager each week for a new space assignment.

17. Vendors are encouraged to assist the Market Manager in promoting the market. Failure to do so will result in all of us wasting our time.

18. Statements beginning with "*We should.....*" or "*You should.....*" will generally be ignored. Ideas presented in "*I would like to volunteer for.....*" form will receive immediate and undivided attention.

19. Love your neighbor: No trash-talking fellow market vendors or their wares. By participating in this market, vendors agree to be a part of the market community.

This is a one-chance-to-reform policy: one notice to cease and desist, and after that, the Market Manager will exercise the discretion to dismiss.

Vendors may feel free to trade or not trade with other active vendors. Trading is only permitted between current, active Market Wednesday vendors.

20. Grievances or problems are to be directed to the Market Manager for resolution. Issues not resolved will be decided by "cage-match" or Jell-O wrestling.

21. It is the vendor's responsibility to obtain all licenses and permits and to pay the fees required by the local and state governments. This includes the vendor's license for goods sold for which a sales tax must be collected. A copy must be provided to Market Manager.

22. Scales should be capable of approval by the Franklin County Auditor's Division of Weights and Measures (614.525.7380).

23. Vendors must comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, State of Ohio, Franklin County, and City of Westerville.

24. When in doubt see Rule No. 1

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