

Creston Valley Food Action Coalition Farmers' Market Rules and Regulations

1. Those who have paid an advance fee at least one week prior to start of each market season get first choice for a permanent stall which will be available to the vendor each week during the summer or fall sessions. Those who pay on a one-week-at-a-time basis, get assigned a stall. This is on a first come first served basis each market day.
2. Stalls will be marked and numbered each week.
3. Stall fees will be collected before the market opens for 'drop in' vendors. A receipt will be issued when the fees are paid – payable to the CVFAC Farmers' Market. If this is the first time a vendor attends the market, then there will also be a \$5.00 market membership fee to cover BCAFM Insurance.
4. All concerns, conflicts and issues need to be addressed to the Market Manager as soon as possible after something has occurred that needs attention.
5. Each vendor will be responsible for providing notice to the Market Manager and their customers that they have met health regulations and guidelines. If they do not have proof of acceptance of following or adhering to health guidelines, they will have to leave the market immediately or stop selling or displaying the item(s) of concern. Some issues may need to be verified with the local Health Inspector with notice of decision shared with the Market Manager.
6. Since the CVFAC is a member of the BCAFM, each vendor will be responsible to sell only local produce and food items, home prepared food items, home built or crafted items.
7. All vendors must arrive at the market at least 15 minutes prior to the market opening. If you do not arrive 15 minutes before, you will be assigned a stall and lose your permanent stall for that day. This is to not interfere with allowing the market to open without traffic movement that could lead to accidents or create a safety issue.
8. Vendors must stay until the end of the market to meet safety standards.
9. If a vendor has a concern with the way the market Manager is handling an issue, they can present a letter of concern to the CVFAC FM Committee via e-mail or written letter. This should be sent to: Len Parkin Box 30 Wynndel, BC V0B 2N0 or to lenparkin@telus.net
10. All vendors must sign a contract of intention and clarification of acceptance of the rules and regulations for the CVFAC FM as provided on the vendor application form.
11. The market manager will be on-site at least one hour before the market opens on market day and will remain until at least 30 minutes after the market day is complete.
12. All persons occupying stall spaces are SOLELY responsible for keeping their stall space and surrounding area clean and tidy during and upon departure of The Market.
13. There shall be no hawking, accosting or badgering of the members of the public.
14. The Market Manager reserves the right to limit the sale of any commodity and has the right to remove anyone who refuses to abide by these RULES OF OPERATION.
15. Vendors selling produce do so at their own risk regarding marketing boards.
16. The Market and Manager are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles or money.
17. Vendors selling produce labeled as organically grown, must be CERTIFIED. A certification must be displayed at the front of their booth or stall.
18. All awnings and tents shall be properly secured as best possible.
19. All permanent stall vendors must notify the Market Manager the day before a market by 7 PM, if at all possible, if not attending the market.
20. Parking: Vendor vehicles must be parked within designated areas as indicated by the Market Manager.
21. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING ON MARKET SITE AT ANYTIME.
22. If a vendor is traveling from a distance outside of Creston, they must confirm their participation with the Market Manager.
23. A \$40 charge will be applied to NSF cheques received from vendors of the CVFM.
24. The Market Manager has the right to escalate any rule violation to the local RCMP and ask for "Peace Officer Role" support.