

BOULDER FARMER'S MARKET

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following Rules and Regulations are to insure that we have the best possible Farmers' Market for all involved. We appreciate complete compliance by all vendors.

- **Allowable Items:** Information from the Montana DPHHS Cottage Food site for allowable and non-allowable foods sold at a Farmer's Market.
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/FCSS/cottagefood>. This is a market for homemade baked goods, crafts, locally grown nursery items and produce. The definition of local is interpreted as any vendor from the state of Montana. We want to provide local residents the opportunity to demonstrate the many talents we know are in the area!
- **Unallowable:** Processed foods, such as pickles, salsa, dressing, tomato products cannot be sold at the market unless made in a certified kitchen and registered with the local Environmental Health Agency. Proof of registration and certification will be required.
- **Eggs:** Eggs must be sold in clean cartons and kept cold.
- **Samples:** Food samples are allowed as long as they do not require refrigeration per the cottage food laws in Montana. Example: allowable: jams and jellies on crackers or cut up pieces of bread. Cannot mix spices into sour crème which requires refrigeration. A utensil may not be used more than once to taste food products or ingredients.
- Montana cottage food laws require any baked goods, candies and preserves be labeled with **ingredients**, approximate US and metric net wt., preparer's name and address neatly printed or typed and legible on each container or individually wrapped item. For more information on food labeling, see the Montana Cottage Food laws. The individual seller must provide the Market Manager with a list of all food items they will be selling at each market.
- **Crafts** will be a large part of our market and we know this area has many talented individuals. Please remember, **only new items** may be sold at the Farmer's Market.
- Local residents, businesses, and organizations from the Boulder/Basin area are welcome and encouraged to sell refreshments. Check with the market manager for allowable items.
- **Nursery Stock:** Nursery stock entails live plants sold in any format. A license must be purchased from the Department of Agriculture every year if intending to sell nursery stock. Refer to the Montana Department of Agriculture for the tiered licensing structure and necessary steps to obtain a nursery license. <http://agr.mt.gov/Topics/Nurseries>. Nursery fees are based upon gross annual sales. One example: \$0 to \$5000 license fee is \$25.00.
 - **Miscellaneous:** Flowers and seeds can be sold without a nursery license.
- **Vendors** will not leave vehicles in front of the market except to unload and load i.e. before and after market times on Thursday 9-2 pm.

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- Vehicles used for vending must be parked on the east side of the park so as not to hide other vendors' products.
- A manager will be at the market by 8:30 am on Thursdays to assign spaces for vendors and for other assistance.
- No one will sell before the signal is given. Both customers and vendors appreciate this regulation.
- Vending fees will be collected during each market unless paid in advance. The fee for residents and non-residents of Jefferson County will be **\$5.00** for each table each day. Reserved vendors must prepay a non-refundable fee and are entitled to a seasonal space each market day. The fee for a seasonal space is **\$45.00**. Children 16 or under would pay half price for either the table fee or seasonal space. Displays should be placed perpendicular to Main Street for best utilization of the City Park. An exception is made for the vehicles parked on the east side of the park.
- Each vendor will be responsible for his/her own tables, chairs, umbrellas, etc. and for cleaning the area used after the sale. Initially a warning will be given. The second time this occurs, failure to clean up the site used will result in a \$20 fee.
- Pricing is up to each vendor. Plainly marked prices and attractive displays help sell products.
- Public service and organizational groups wishing to display information are welcome.
- Friends of the Boulder Farmer's Market can donate money to assist with running events.

Contact Connie Grenz – (406) 225-3288 for additional questions and to register.

Registration forms at www.bouldermtnchamber.org.

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