

Farmers' Market at Sandpoint
Rules and Regulations
Ratified by membership 11/3/2025

These rules and regulations apply to all vendors participating in Farmers' Market at Sandpoint.

MARKET SEASON AND HOURS

1. The Farmers' Market at Sandpoint Board shall set the opening and closing dates for the market season and hours of operation.
2. A bell will be rung by the market manager to signify the start of each market. Vendors may not sell prior to the opening bell.
3. Vendors may not begin set-up prior to one and one-half hours before opening bell and must vacate spaces within one and one-half hours after closing bell.

VENDOR SPACES

1. Active members, as defined in the by-laws, who have participated in twelve or more Saturday markets during the previous season, paid all dues and fees, and attended at least one membership meeting the previous year will have the opportunity to be assigned a regular booth space on Saturdays. Active members who have participated in eight or more Wednesday markets the previous season, paid all dues and fees, and attended at least one membership meeting the previous year will have the opportunity to be assigned a regular booth space on Wednesdays.
2. The market manager will assign all booth spaces. New members and members without assigned spaces must check with the market manager for a booth location at the beginning of each market.
3. Attendance: If you cannot attend a market, a 24 hour notice must be given to the Market Manager prior to the day you will not be attending. This includes Wednesdays and Saturdays. Failure to give 24 hours notice or a 'no show' will result in a written warning; 3 warnings and you will lose your allocated spot and will be placed at the bottom of the wait list.
 - a. Serious illness, unforeseeable dire circumstances and/or inclement weather conditions are considered, however, predicted rain or cool temperatures is NOT considered inclement weather conditions. If you arrive with intent to participate and decide to leave because of the weather – you must notify the manager immediately.
4. Vendors who fail to call or arrive one-half hour prior to the start of market will not be guaranteed a space.
5. Vendors with regular booth spaces who do not plan to attend at the beginning of the season must notify the market manager of when they plan to attend for the first time.
 - a. You may contact the manager by email: farmersmarketatsandpoint.com or by calling 208-597-3355 and leave a message for any of the above situations.
6. Space size shall be determined by the market manager and shall not exceed sixteen feet by ten feet.
7. Farmers' Market at Sandpoint is an open air market. Tents are permitted, but tent sides and backs are not permitted at any time. No other structure can be used that will prohibit the view through the tent.

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PERMISSIBLE PRODUCTS

1. Garden produce, plants, trees, shrubs, flowers, fruit, bulbs, tubers, honey, eggs, cheese, meat, wild –harvested edibles, prepared foods, arts, and crafts made or grown by the vendor are permissible. Prepared foods and arts or crafts are considered a farm product if one or more of the top three ingredients or materials is grown by the vendor. Live animals may be advertised, but not sold at the market. All produce must be clean and fresh and market ready when the seller arrives. All edible products should be off the ground, unless they are in a container. **ALL PRODUCTS MUST MEET HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.** Sprouts and mushrooms may not be sold without compliance with Panhandle Health. Ask the Health Department if you are not sure.
2. Vendors must be located within a 100-mile radius of Farmin Park in Sandpoint, excluding Canada. The vendor must be actively tending or producing products on land that he or she rents or owns or otherwise has control of for agricultural purposes as determined by the board. Buying products for resale, or selling products not produced on your rented or owned land is prohibited, with the exception of wild, native edibles (huckleberries for example).

INSPECTIONS

1. All NEW farm vendors agree to have a farm visit by Farmers' Market at Sandpoint Board members and/or the FMS manager . This is to ensure that all listed products on the application are grown by the Farm Vendor and to answer any questions/concerns prior to the first Market day. FMS will contact new Farm Vendors for time & date. The board reserves the right to inspect any vendor's operation if it has sufficient reason to believe the vendor is not in compliance. The vendor will be asked to remove all suspect product(s) from sale until an inspection is completed. It is the vendor's responsibility to arrange a time and date for the inspection. If the vendor does not comply within seven days, he or she will be suspended until the inspection is completed and his or her operation is approved.

PARKING

1. Vendor parking is not permitted on any streets bordering Farmin Park (Oak, Fourth, and Main) and Jeff Jones Square (the Fountain), except for loading and unloading products for sale. If a vendor is parked in this area, he or she will be asked to move. A vendor will have fifteen minutes to comply before rule violation penalties will be applied.
2. If there are no parking spaces available for unloading, a vendor may double park, unload into the tree lawn area, park his or her vehicle, and then move product to the booth space. If there are no parking spaces available at the end of market, transfer booth contents to the tree lawn area, retrieve your vehicle, and then load.
3. Parking on the street in and around Farmin Park is limited to 2 hours. You may be ticketed if you park in one of these spaces.
4. No parking in red zones or handicapped spaces (without a permit).

DUES AND FEES

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1. Annual membership dues must be paid on or before the first day the vendor sells. A completed membership application form and application fee is also due at this time. A first-time vendor may elect to pay half the membership dues while he or she tries the market one time. If or when he or she returns a second time the balance must be paid in full. Application and membership fees are established by the fee schedule adopted by the Board.
2. Both daily market booth fees and season pass booth fees are established by the fee schedule adopted by the Board.
 - a. The booth fee is due to the market manager within one-half hour after the end of market. If a vendor must leave the market before the end of market hours, he or she must advise the market manager of his or her intentions and pay the assessment fee prior to leaving. If a vendor has participated in twelve Saturday markets during the current market season, then the market assessment fee is waived for Harvest Fest. Only vendors who have paid annual membership dues in full may participate in Harvest Fest.
3. A sales tax form must be completed and submitted to the market manager before selling. A vendor who fails to submit the form will not be permitted to sell at market until the form is given to the market manager. Vendors must keep the appropriate portion of the sales tax form with them at market. *Accurate reporting of sales tax is the responsibility of each vendor.*

VENDOR REGULATIONS

1. All material for your booth (tables, tents, supplies, change, bags, and signs) are to be provided by each vendor. City owned picnic tables may not be used by vendors selling at the market. Vendors may independently advertise their products on radio, television or in print.
2. Vendors may not advertise their products as organic unless they are certified or registered.
3. Each seller shall determine his or her own prices. Only scales that are certified by the Division of Weights and Measures can be used. Selling by the bunch or bag is recommended.
4. All vendors who wish to sell at market must tend to their own booth at each attended market. Members of the vendor's immediate family may sell for the vendor. In an emergency, any vendor may have a substitute seller twice per Saturday and twice per Wednesday during the season. Farm Members can apply for a booth proxy to represent them at market after fulfilling the requirements of being a permanent vendor for three years. Proxy sellers must have attended no fewer than twelve full markets with the member prior to applying for proxy status. The proxy is responsible for signing in with the market manager at these markets to confirm attendance. The proxy can be used in place of the regular vendor up to six times in one season. These six proxy days do not count toward emergency substitute vendors as described above. Proxies must fill out an application and be approved by the board prior to serving without the vendor. Proxies must reapply each season. The board has a right to revoke proxy status at any time.
5. Animals (including pets) are not allowed in the market area prior to, during or after market.
6. It is the responsibility of each vendor to clean his or her area prior to leaving market.

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7. Vendors are prohibited from smoking on market grounds.
8. Vendors must comply with all federal, state, and local ordinances.
9. Vendors may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, physical ability, sexual orientation, age, or nationality.

ETHICS AND CONDUCT

1. There will be no profanity, yelling or aggressive behavior while conducting Farmers' Market business or during the hours the Market is in operation. Problems will be discussed after market with concerned parties and board members present.
 - a. Any member not willing to comply with the Rules and Regulations, who insists on being combative will be asked to leave the Market. If any altercation accelerates beyond that, the market will call in law enforcement and have the person removed from the park.
2. Any and all disputes and complaints shall be settled in a manner consistent with the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations by the market manager and/or Rules Committee, with appeals to the Board of Directors if necessary. Board members at the market will be so advised, so that a settlement need not be delayed. Appeals to the Board of directors may be made at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

PENALTIES

1. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in (first offense) a written warning, (second offense) a written warning and two weeks suspension, (third offense) expulsion from the market for the remainder of the season, and (fourth offense) permanent expulsion from the market. The board of directors of the Farmers' Market at Sandpoint reserves the right to rule on any situation deemed incompatible with the By-Laws not specifically addressed in these rules, and impose the aforementioned penalties. The Board of Directors of the Farmers' Market at Sandpoint is solely responsible for the content and enforcement of these rules and regulations and shall be held harmless in the event of inconvenience, loss of income, or any damages whatsoever resulting from the enforcement of these rules.