



VENDOR HANDBOOK  
2026

# **WENATCHEE VALLEY FARMERS MARKET**

## **2026 MARKET RULES**

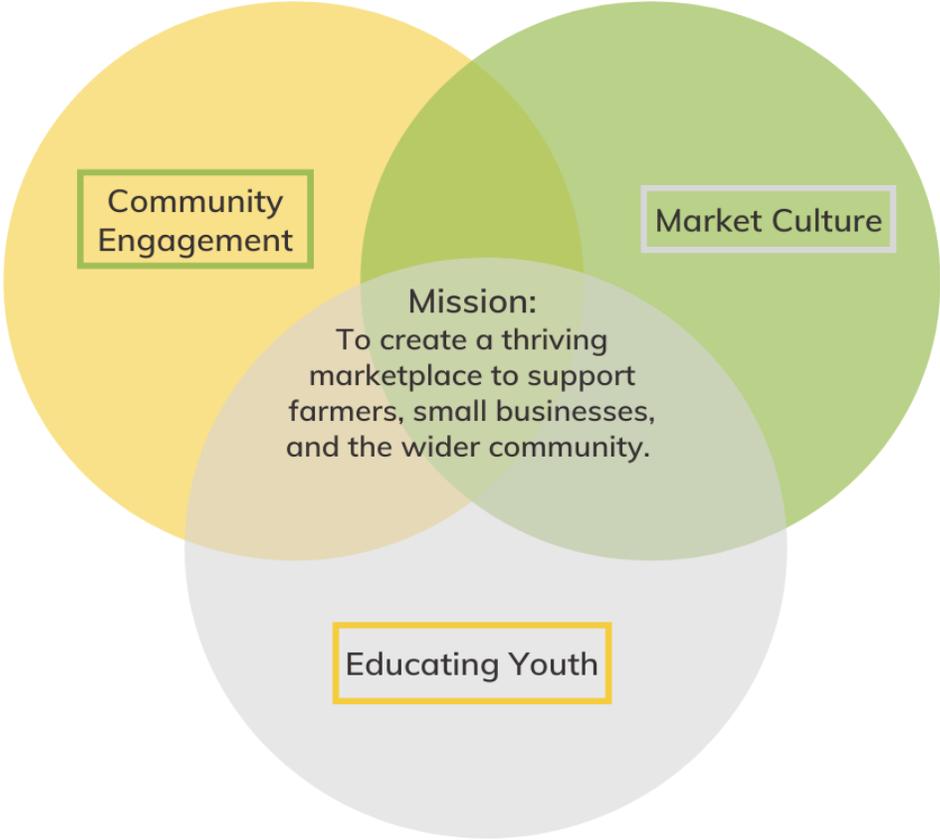
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Olympia Farmers Market 2009 Policy Manual	WSDA Small Farms and Direct Marketing Handbook (Green Book)
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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To create a thriving marketplace to support farmers, small businesses, and the wider community.

<p><b>Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market Strategic Priorities</b></p> 
<p><b>What is a “healthy market”?</b></p>
<p>A diverse mix of vendors offering a wide variety of products to returning customers in a competitive marketplace.</p>

<b>Focus Areas</b>
Market Culture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Promoting a healthy market through fairness and transparency in market rules, finances, and operations.</li> <li>● Nurturing a strong vendor culture through engaging activities, clear communication, and partnerships</li> </ul>
Community Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bringing together vendors, local residents, and visitors through a safe and welcoming weekly market.</li> </ul>
Educating the Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Offering educational opportunities for the community.</li> </ul>

## WENATCHEE VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

### CODE OF CONDUCT 2026

All Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market Vendors, their representatives, and their families must follow the Code Of Conduct while in the Market.

1. Practice patience and understanding.
2. Demonstrate sensitivity to people of all ages, ethnicities and diversities.
3. Treat customers with courtesy, respect and honesty.
4. Assist other vendors whenever possible.
5. Treat market staff, volunteers and other vendors with respect and understanding.
6. Notify the market manager immediately of any unsafe conditions.
7. Resolve conflicts in an unobtrusive manner
8. Rough, menacing, vulgar, profane or abusive language and sexual harassment will not be tolerated.
9. Absolutely NO pets allowed in the booths at the market, only Service dogs are allowed . All service dogs in the Market must comply with City laws. [ licensed and on a leash attached to the owner at all times].
10. Practice safe behaviors at all times, including while driving on and off site, loading and unloading.
11. No vendor may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while participating at the market.
12. No vendor may smoke within the market area. All smoking must be done outside the market area and at least 25 ft. away from any market tents.

13. All products offered for sale must be safe, have a decent life expectancy and exhibit quality of construction.
14. All vendors will leave their spaces clean, and free of debris. Vendors are responsible for throwing away their debris in the dumpsters provided by Pybus, behind our storage unit. Do not dispose of your garbage in the customer trash cans placed around the market.
15. No political or religious campaigning is allowed.
16. Report ALL market sales truthfully.
17. Please refrain from taking pictures of other vendors' displays, products or crafts without their permission.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the "3 Strike Rule" being enforced.

## **THREE STRIKES RULE**

Vendors not complying with the above rules will be subject to the following:

- **First Offense** – A verbal warning from the Market Manager.
- **Second Offense** – Followed by the above, a letter in writing from the Market Manager stating the violation. The Market Manager will advise the WVFM Board of the offense.
- **Third Offense** – The vendor will be asked to leave the Market immediately by the Market Manager. The Manager will be assisted by the presence of a Board member.

Vendors will be allowed to grieve the removal at the next Board meeting. The Board will make the final decision as to whether the removal is temporary or permanent.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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To Apply: WVFM Website

## Days, Hours and Locations of Markets

**Summer Season Saturday Morning Market:** May 9th - Oct 31th

Pybus Market, 7 N. Worthen, west parking lot

8am – 1pm

**Winter Season Saturday Market:** Nov 7th - Dec 19th

Pybus Market, 7 N. Worthen, south parking lot in November/West parking lot entryway December

9am-1pm

Dates and times for the market are subject to change due to weather and air conditions.

## Mandatory Vendor Meetings

Please plan to attend or send a representative to these pre-scheduled meetings. The Spring and Fall Vendor Meetings are a great opportunity for the WVFM Board of Directors, Members, and Vendors to connect before and after the market season to give feedback, receive valuable updates to the market structure and procedures, engage with fellow vendors and come to celebrate the beginning and ending of the season!

If we cannot meet in person, we will hold a virtual meeting.

**Spring Vendor Meeting:** Saturday, March 28th, 2026 8am.scales certification, meeting at 9am.

Located at Pybus Market. At this meeting we may vote on changes to bylaws, [if needed]. Talk about the upcoming season changes. When the meeting is over you can pay and reserve a stall area. You must be a member in good standing see rules [3.3, 3.4 and 3.5] you can pick and pay for the reserved stall space area at this time. Vendors will be called in order of their seniority to select their stalls.

**Fall Vendor Meeting:** Sunday, Nov 1 2026 1pm. Located at Pybus Market. We will talk about the ending season, vote for new board members, and talk about Winter Markets and Spring Pop-up markets. The meeting will be followed by a catered lunch.

**BOARD MEMBERS who are Vendors** receive compensation for their service on the board.

1. Free membership. [\$125.00]
2. One extra stall space if needed.
3. 1 Ticket to taste of Pybus /Annual Event

**Board members that are from the Community–** receive

1. Market Bucks equivalent \$125.00
2. We will make a basket for auction and contribute \$500 to Pybus and take board members and plus one, out for a nice dinner.

**President, Treasurer, Secretary,** will also receive the same benefits along with \$375.00 at the end of market year [ total \$500.] for the extra work they do.

[ATTENDANCE is required to receive these benefits. Board members missing 3 or more meetings will be discussed by the board. Possibly billing the member for a dollar amount and dismissal.]

**PLEASE read these rules, guidelines, and policies carefully before signing your vendor application and keep a copy for your records. Signing the application signifies your agreement to abide by these rules. Failure to comply with them may result in termination of your membership.**

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:** There will be no discrimination according to race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, nation origin, marital status, or presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap.

It is important to have a hassle-free shopping experience at our market. Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market's policy does not allow any surveys, petitions or demonstrations within our market (unless specific to data collection WVFM, i.e. customer count, product request, rapid market assessments, etc.) WVFM leases the lot and therefore has tenant rights within the specific language of our lease. When outside individuals/groups come into our market to conduct surveys, petitions, or demonstrations they are asked to please conduct this business in any areas outside the WVFM market boundaries. We are proud of being a vendor run market. We are also proud of not being a resale market. Our vendors either grow it or make it..

**The Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market Association is not responsible to vendors for loss or damage incurred by vendors on market days during markets.**

# 1.0 Farmers Market Definition

## WASHINGTON STATE FARMERS MARKET DEFINITION RCW 66.24.170

(g) For the purposes of the subsection:

(i) “Qualifying farmers market” means an entity that sponsors a regular assembly of vendors at a defined location for the purpose of promoting the sale of agricultural products grown or produced in this state directly to the consumer under conditions that meet the following minimum requirements.

1. There are at least five participating vendors who are farmers selling their own agricultural products;
2. The total combined gross annual sales of vendors who are farmers exceeds the total combined gross annual sales of vendors who are processors or resellers;
3. The total combined gross annual sales of vendors who are farmers, processors, or resellers exceeds the total combined gross annual sales of vendors who are not farmers, processors, or resellers;
4. The sale of imported items and secondhand items by any vendor is prohibited; and
5. No vendor is a franchisee.

(ii) “Farmer” means a natural person who sells, with or without processing, agricultural products that he or she raises on land he or she owns or leases in this state or in another state’s county that borders this state.

(iii) “Processor” means a natural person who sells processed food that he or she has personally prepared on land he or she owns or leases in this state or in another state’s county that borders this state.

(iv) “Reseller” means a natural person who buys agricultural products from a farmer and resells the products directly to the consumer .[Not allowed in our market.]

6. Wine produced in Washington state by a domestic winery licensee may be shipped out-of-state for the purpose of making it into sparkling wine and then returned to such licensee for resale. Such wine shall be deemed wine manufactured in the state of Washington for the purposes of RCW [66.24.206](#), and shall not require a special license.

Domestic Brewery RCW 66.24.240. Micro Brewery RCW 66.24.244

# 2.0 Vendor/Product Guidelines

## PRODUCER

One who raises the produce, plants or animals which they sell at the WVFM on land they own/lease or rent. **This excludes** those who work on or manage a corporate owned farm and who have been given permission to dispose of surplus products. (All leases must be verifiable.)

**2.1 FARM FRESH PRODUCTS:** Fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, nuts, honey, plants, nursery stock, eggs, poultry, meats, fish, shellfish and wine. No CBD or cannabis allowed. **All fresh farm products must be**

**grown in Washington State and or boarding counties of Oregon and Idaho. Priority is given to all products grown or produced in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, or Kittitas Counties for sale in Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market,** however WVFM takes into consideration all products grown in Washington State. W.V.F.M. farmers cannot sell anything they don't grow or harvest. For more information refer to 2.8 paragraph.

**2.2 CRAFTED FARM PRODUCTS:** Producer based crafts will be allowed based on the WSFMA guidelines for crafters with the additional restriction that the majority of the materials used by the crafter to produce their craft must be grown, foraged and produced by the vendor on the vendors own farm. Examples may include, but are not limited to: bouquets, wreathes, roping, arrangements and dried flowers, vine and woven wood baskets and other wild craft. Beeswax candles are to be sold by honey producers only.

**2.3 NURSERY DEALER:** The vendor must propagate all plants and flowers from seed, cuttings, bulbs or plant division. According to WSDA rules, any person who handles or sells more than \$100 annual gross in horticultural plants is considered a “nursery dealer” and is required to have a license for each place of business where horticultural plants are sold. Selling cut flowers does not require a nursery dealer license.

**2.4 WILD MUSHROOM COLLECTOR:** Wild mushrooms may be sold at the Market. A vendor must receive specific authorization from the Board. Authorization will be specific for, and must be obtained for, each variety of mushrooms to be sold. Permits must be shown if mushrooms were harvested on Forest Service property.

## PROCESSOR

**2.5 PROCESSED FOODS:** Products such as, but not limited to, salad mix, preserves, jams and jellies, cider, wine, syrups, salsas, smoked meats or fish, dried fruit, dried herbs, flours, vinegars and salad dressings must be made in a state certified kitchen, packaged, labeled and stored in compliance with applicable WSDA and Health Department licensing and permits. Processed foods must be produced from raw ingredients and where possible from ingredients grown by the vendor and/or grown in Washington State. Vendors in this category are those who have cooked, canned, preserved or otherwise treated the product they sell, and must have proper permits and licenses as required by the Chelan-Douglas Health District and WSDA. The Market must have the location of the certified kitchen on the processor's application.

- Processors that make alcoholic beverages must meet the WSFMA guidelines and the WA State Liquor Control regulations.
- Seafood vendor's products must originate from the greater Pacific Northwest, which includes Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and BC.
- Beekeepers that process their own honey do not need a Food Processors License, unless the honey has value added such as for creamed honey or lavender honey.

**2.6 BAKED GOODS:** Bakeries that sell more than 25% of their products wholesale must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture as Food Processors. For those who sell less than 25% of their products wholesale other Chelan-Douglas Health District requirements apply. All pastries, cookies, muffins, breads, pies, related take-home desserts, pastas, etc., baked goods and grain products must be produced in a State certified kitchen by the vendor from raw ingredients. Vendors in this category are those who have cooked, baked or otherwise treated the product they sell. No commercially prepared dough mixes, crusts or fillings are allowed. Fruits or vegetables used should come from regional farmers when available. All baked goods must

have the proper permits and licenses as required by the Chelan-Douglas Health District. All products must be packaged before displaying or selling.

**2.7 BODY CARE PRODUCTS:** Body care products including but not limited to lotions, balms, creams, ointments, salves, sprays, scrubs, and fragrances are also referred to as cosmetics by State and Federal law and must comply with regulations set by both. Body care products must be made by the vendor and no commercial products will be allowed. Preference will be put on Processors that grow ingredients for their product or that buy ingredients from a WVFM farmer. All products must be made in the State of Wash. No products with CBD or cannabis allowed.

## **OUTSIDE CORE COUNTIES**

**2.8** As part of the Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market mission to offer local products, applicants from the 4 core counties of Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Kittitas counties will have first consideration for membership. As of the 2017 season however, the WVFM is offering the same membership benefits to those vendors outside the core counties with a desired product not available within the 4 core counties.

## **OTHERS**

**2.9 CONCESSIONAIRES (PREPARED FOOD VENDORS)** Prepared food vendors offer freshly made food for sale for immediate consumption on site at the WVFM. Vendors must be an active owner/operator of the business and may not operate under a franchise agreement. **All cooking areas must have a tarp, plastic or canvas to protect the parking lot. And a working fire extinguisher, in their booth. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.** Upon approval of the Board, these vendors may also offer packaged foods that they do not process. Such as only water [ no soda pop] and unprocessed items are specifically limited foods that are sold as part of a meal [catsup, mustard , mayo, relish, hot sauce] so as not to compete with locally handmade processed items. Prepared food vendors shall possess and maintain all required State, County and local permits, including a certificate of insurance.

Concession Vendors may begin selling prepared food 30 minutes before the official beginning of the market, as a service to keep customers in the market and out of the way of vehicles until the market opens.

**2.10 ARTISANS:** Products of original art or craft work, which the vendor produces. Products must be of the highest quality, handcrafted, and not imported. All crafted products must be hand-made in the State of Washington. No imported or manufactured products will be allowed to be sold at the Market. All artisans must have their work juried by the Artisan Committee. Items must be of quality craftsmanship in design and technique, **must be original artwork, not from a kit.** Items to be sold must be made by the Artisan and not by others. Artisans who sell bath, body or essential oil products must have liability insurance. Space allotment is based on the jury committee authorization.

**2.11 AGENTS:** Growers/producers may send family members, partners or employees/agents to the Market in their stand. Grower/producers are responsible for having their on-site representative familiar with and

compliances with all Market rules and policies. Representatives must have signed the handbook rules before being allowed to vend.

The Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market reserves the right to prohibit any vendor from selling any product it deems does not meet the foregoing criteria. **(No commercial items, no imported items, and no second hand items.)** See 11.0 Vendor Inspections.

The Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market has the right to inspect a vendor's farm, workshop, or certified kitchen to verify compliance with production or construction requirements for items sold at the Market. Representatives from the Market may inspect or visit any farm or establishments used by vendors. All visits will be conducted with at least a 24-hour notice.

**2.12 GUEST VENDORS:** Guest Vendors spaces are available to individuals who may be interested in becoming a member or have a product with a short season. All guest vendors must make or grow a desired product and must be approved by the board prior to vending. All guest vendors must carry the appropriate permits, insurance, and licenses. Guest Vendor spaces are available. First week \$35. market plus \$15 or 8% of your sales, whichever is greater. The next 3 markets are \$30. and your 8% sales. After 4 weeks you are a market member. **Once you have been approved you have 30 days to sell starting from the first Saturday market , if you dont schedule by then you will have to reapply.** Once you have vended please let us know if you plan to return again.

**2.13 NON-PROFITS/EDUCATIONAL/COMMUNITY GROUPS:** These groups may be granted a stall at a fee of \$10.00 per market on a revolving basis. The market will have 4 stalls spaces available and will be assigned by the Operations Market Manager to rotate groups into the market. If they wish to sell a product they will need to join the WVFM membership association and follow vendor guidelines. Groups are not allowed to sell products or give away food or drinks. Information is the only thing they can give away. The group must fill out an application form and comply with the same rules as Market Vendors.

**2.14** When filling out your application, you must list all items you plan on selling this season. Any ADDITIONAL items must be pre approved by board before you can sell them.

## 3.0 RESERVATIONS AND FEES

**3.1** All enrolled or interested vendors of the WVFM are strongly encouraged to attend the annual Spring/Pre-Season Meeting, Saturday March 29th, 9 am AND the annual Fall/Post-Season Meeting, Sunday November 1st. at 1pm. **You should plan to attend both meetings, if you want to keep your seniority.**

**3.2** An annual, non-refundable membership fee is due from all vendors **BEFORE** a vendor may sell.

**Membership Fee** - \$125 at vendor spring meeting March 29th or before first sell date. Members who are not current in the year's fee must pay before signing the current season.

**Guest Vendor** - \$35 for first Saturday, \$30 for the next 3 Saturday's plus \$15 or 8% of your sales, whichever is greater. (please see vending fee)

**Reservation Stall Fee** - \$30 per stall (per season, max. of 3 stall spaces) fee must be paid at the spring meeting to reserve a stall space. If two vendors are interested in the same space, seniority point system will be enacted. You may choose to reserve a stall space after the spring meeting, however you will not be allowed to choose an already reserved space regardless of seniority. Stall reservation is not applicable to 1<sup>st</sup> year/time vendors, non-profits or guest vendors.

#### **Vending Fees for Saturday**

**1<sup>st</sup> Stall Space** – the larger of \$15 or 8% of gross sales at the end of each Market day.

**Additional Stalls** - each additional stall is \$20/stall, or \$2.00 a foot.

**Vending fees for Winter and Spring PopUp Markets:** \$15.00 a market.

**Cancellation after issuing of Market Map:** \$15 per stall.

**No Show:** \$30 per stall. No Show is defined as not giving notice before 5am on market day, 6am for winter market. The No Show fee MUST be paid in order to sell at your next intended market.

**Stall Space** – 10x10 square with frontage any extra frontage space is an additional \$2.00 a foot. A second or third booth 10x10 is \$20 a space. You are only allowed 3 total spaces. Additional space must be requested before the map is sent out on Thursday.

#### **Equipment Rental**

Per WSDA and liability reasons, “all canopies, umbrellas, and other forms of stall cover must be sufficiently and safely secured to the ground from the moment the canopy is erected until the moment immediately before it is taken down.” (Please see 4.2 Canopy/Umbrella setup) **Vendors and other users need to be compliant to sell on Market day. If equipment rental is needed, vendors and other users must let the Market Manager know 24 hrs. prior to Market day.**

**Canopy Leg Weights** Rental of 4 weights - \$20. Weights are rented in 4's. The vendor will need to see the Market Manager for the assignment of weights. The vendor is responsible for picking up weights and returning weights. The vendor will be responsible for any damage incurred on the day of rental. We are not in the long term rental business.

**Canopies:** \$20 per Market day. A limited number of canopies are available for Market day rental. The vendor will need to see the Market Manager for assignment of canopies. Vendors are responsible to pick up canopies and return canopies. The vendor will be responsible for any damage incurred on the day of rental. We are not in the long term rental business.

**Tables:** \$5 per Market day. A limited number of tables are available for Market day rental. The vendor will need to see the Market Manager for assignment of tables. The vendor is responsible for picking up tables and returning tables. The vendor will be responsible for any damage incurred on the day of rental. We are not in the long term rental business.

### **3.2 STALL FEES / PAYMENT PROCEDURE:** (see 3.8 Stall Fee Payment and 3.9 Sales Reporting)

The Board of Directors will establish a fee schedule for all vendors prior to each Market season. Stall rental fees shall be paid at the end of each Market day. You can not use any tokens or snap to pay fees. And please no coins. Use schedule on back of envelope or 8% of total sales.

### **3.3 STALL ASSIGNMENTS:**

- A. Non-Reserved stall assignments will be made by the Market Manager on a weekly basis. While it is the goal of the Market Manager to keep vendors in the same stall, **NON-RESERVED VENDORS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE** dependent on the needs of the Market; i.e., customer experience, flow, size of Market, special permits and licensing, or events.
- B. Reserved stall assignments will be selected using the following standards:
  1. Vendors must attend or send a representative to both the Fall and Spring Vendor Meetings prior to the season they wish to reserve their stall.
  2. Vendors must pay a reserve fee on or before the Spring Vendors Meeting.
  3. Following the Spring Meeting, all vendors who have paid their reservation fee will select the general area of choice in a closed meeting.
  4. The vendor with the most seniority points in the market will have the first selection followed by vendors in order of their seniority. A map of the market will be provided and stalls filled in as they are chosen. Seniority is determined by using the WVFM records and rules as outlined in section 3.4 – Seniority Point System.
  5. When the market is smaller in size, the reserved stall vendors will be placed as close to their chosen stall site as possible.
  6. When a non-reserved stall vendor is placed in a stall that is a reserved space (the reserved vendor is not in the market or not vending that day), they will be told that their location is temporary because it is a reserved spot.

### **3.4 SENIORITY POINT SYSTEM:**

- **Years in the Market:** One point for each year as an “active vendor.” “Active” is defined as 8 or more sales days in the Market the previous year. You must sell at 8 markets every year to maintain seniority.
- **Seniority Points:** Seniority points are used to determine the order of reserved stall selection and are based on the number of sale days in the Market from the previous year(s).
- The Board will consider case by case if a Farmer that has Natural Crop Disaster and has nothing to sell for the current Market Year shall not lose Seniority points and their Membership Fee will be carried forward to the next year

### **The Board Considers the Good of the Market to be:**

- Minimum criterion and point system (as above).
- Quality & Quantity.
- Attendance Commitment (preference for full-time commitment).
- Attendance Record.
- Stall Preference.
- Current Sales.
- Product Compatibility

**Seniority points and individual sales records are considered proprietary information, and shall be kept confidential (to be viewed only by management and the President of the Board of Directors).**

### **3.5 RESERVED VENDORS (Saturdays)**

All Vendors with reserved stall spaces must be at the market site by 7:00 AM and be ready to begin selling when the Market opens promptly at 8:00AM. Reserve Vendors who arrive after 7:00 AM will forfeit their reserve space and will be considered on a first come first serve basis with the Non-Reserved Vendors. Come early and avoid the confusion. If there are unavoidable extenuating circumstances; i.e., vehicle breakdown, traffic delays, please call the Market Manager on the cell phone number that is provided by the WVFMA **(509) 870 9836. Please don't text us on the phone, we don't hear text when we are busy.**

### **3.6 NON-RESERVED VENDORS:**

Vendors who have not reserved a stall space must be at the market by 7:00AM to be assigned a stall space by the Operations Market Manager. All vendors who vended the week prior will be automatically assigned a stall space for the following week. If you choose not to sell you must contact the Market Manager on the cell phone number that is provided by the WVFMA **(509) 8709836.** Please see 3.7 Cancellation.

ALL VENDORS need to call the Market Manager at least 24 hrs before their 1<sup>st</sup> day of vending for the season to verify that they will begin selling for the season.

**3.7 CANCELLATION: Vendors must notify the Market Manager 24 hours prior to the Market day that he/she will not be attending.** Notification after Market Map has been emailed/issued will be charged a \$15 late notice fee. Failure to call or no-show will result in a \$30 fine to be paid prior to the next intended vending day (see 3.2 Fees). Same rules apply to vendors without email.

**3.8 STALL FEE PAYMENT:** When making payment a receipt can be issued. Fees may be paid by cash[ or check **upon approval of the Market Manager).** No Tokens will be accepted as payment. A \$20.00 fee will be charged to any returned checks. **If you lost your reimbursement check from the market, we will charge you \$30.00. Because we have to stop payment on the check and reissue a new one. Please cash your checks as soon as you receive them, to avoid this. You have 90 days to cash the check or forfeit it.**

**3.9 SALES REPORTING:** Vendors MUST disclose to the Market Manager their name, amount of gross sales (less sales tax), EBT tokens, SFMNP, WIC, snap coupons, and donations for each market day on the Daily Sales Form. Vendors may be subject to audits for market sales. Failure to complete sales reports may prohibit your vending at Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market. This information is necessary for required market records for the State of Washington, applying for grants, WIC/SFMNP reports, to remain compliant with WSFMA, and to help build business for future Markets.

**3.10 PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICE ORDERS:** Vendors that take product or service orders at the Market shall report these as part of the gross sales, and pay appropriate fees on the day or week they receive payment for the product or service. **If the Market is used only as a pick-up point for orders solicited or taken from the vendor's farm or elsewhere, then no fees will be assessed, provided the vendor is selling at the Market on the day the order is picked up.**

**3.11 EDUCATIONAL/NON-PROFIT/COMMUNITY GROUPS:** These groups may be granted a stall at a fee of \$10.00 per Market on a revolving basis. The market will have 4 stall spaces available and will be assigned by the Market Manager to rotate groups into the market. If they wish to sell a product in the market, they need to join the WVFM membership association and follow vendor guidelines. They will not be allowed to sell products in the market, they will provide information only. No food or drink can be given away. They must fill out an application form and comply with the same rules as regular Market Vendors.

**3.12 ENTERTAINMENT:** Entertainers may be granted free space by the Market Manager if space is available. All entertainment performed in the Market requires that an application be submitted to the Market Manager for his/her consideration prior to performing in the Market. Please call to schedule (509)870 9836. Performers may sell promotional items.

## 4.0 SETUP AND OPERATIONS

### 4.1 UNLOADING:

- Vendors parking within their vending area at the Market should arrive **no later than 1 hour prior to the market opening and be ready to begin selling when the Market opens.**
- Vendors unloading and driving out must have vehicles out of the Market **at least 30 minutes** prior to the market opening. Please unload and move the vehicle before you set up.
- In general, vehicles should enter at the south end of the lot and exit at the north end of the parking lot. Please park in designated areas, you could be towed if you park on the street. Remember your customers like to park close or they may not stop to shop.
- Vendors are not allowed to leave the market early.
- **In order to comply with safety and insurance requirements, vendors arriving less than 30 minutes before the Market opens will have to unload from the parking lot and carry their wares into the market.**

**4.2 CANOPY/UMBRELLA SETUP:** All vendors who wish to erect canopies/umbrellas on the Farmers Market site during the normal period of market operations, including the setup and break down period, are required to have their canopies/umbrellas sufficiently and safely anchored to the ground with approved weights. **Sufficiently**, as defined by the Board of Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market is **25lbs.** per leg on canopies and 50lbs. for umbrellas. **Safely**, as defined by the Board is in that securing the canopy does not create its own hazards. **Canopies are required to have at least 25lbs. on each leg and 50lbs. weight for umbrellas** from the time their canopy is put up to the time it is taken down. **Vendors CANNOT use bricks as weights.** ALL weights must be clearly visible to customers. Canopies must be in good repair.

**4.3 SAFETY:** Vehicles, tables, and overhead shades must be maintained and used in a safe manner. Legs must be firmly locked into place on the shades. Tables must have smooth edges and remain stable when loaded. Shades and Canopies must be tied down or weighted per WSFMA guidelines. All weights must be clearly visible to customers and fellow vendors to avoid tripping. **Any vendor who fails to properly anchor his or her canopy will not be allowed to sell at the Farmers Market on that day, unless that vendor**

**chooses to take down and sell without the canopy/umbrella or, if available, rent equipment from the Farmers Market.**

**4.4 POWER AND WATER:** Electrical outlets near stalls may be used only with the permission of the Market Manager. Electrical use will cost \$6 per market. The Market Manager may deny such use if it results in excessive circuit loads.

**4.5 SIGNAGE:** Vendors **MUST** post a sign at least 432 square inches (18" x 24"). In size, identifying themselves and/or the farm name represented and where it is located. **THIS SIGN IS REQUIRED. All items in the booth must be clearly marked with their prices, whether an item is purchased by piece, pound, or box.** These can be done by individually tagging each item with a sign or by listing all products and prices on a large sign or blackboard. Signs must be tasteful and in good repair. All vendors are required to display prices in a legible manner. **Copies of all licenses, permits, WIC, and SFMNP program flyers** must be displayed by the vendor in their booth and be available upon request from the Market Manager. Vendors must adhere to all Washington State laws. **Vendors not following all signage requirements will be given 1 verbal notice by Market staff; thereafter a \$5 fee will be charged for each occurrence.**

**4.6 VENDOR DISPLAYS:** Displays and signs must allow clear visibility to adjoining booths. Display and selling techniques must not impair other vendors' ability to sell, nor create a hazardous situation for customers. At least ½ of your canopy space must be open for clear visibility. This includes items hanging from the top or sides of your canopy. Creativity in displays is to each vendor's benefit. Vendor displays may not extend beyond the designated line demarcating the aisle way boundary of the vendor's stall space. **All Food Products must be stored at least 12 inches off the ground.** No food products may be stored or sold off the ground or tarps. (Chelan-Douglas Health District)

**4.7 PRICING:** Pricing of goods sold at the Market is the responsibility of the individual vendor, however, a **"NO DUMPING"** policy is enforced at all Markets. Dumping is defined as selling significantly below established Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market prices. If, due to extenuating circumstances; i.e., storm damage, frost damage, etc., prices are lower than the common price at Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market, the vendor **MUST** post why the prices are lower.

**4.8 REFUND POLICY:** Vendors at Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market shall guarantee the quality of the products they offer. This applies to all products sold by any Market vendor. If an exchange or other arrangements are not acceptable to the customer, the vendor must offer a cash refund. In order to qualify for a refund, the customer must return the unused portion of the product in question. Refunds requested on items that have been in the customer's possession for more than one week (7 day) period will be honored at the discretion of the vendor.

**4.9 SELLING TIME:** **No selling shall begin before 8:00AM or other designated opening time** when the signal is given by the Market Manager indicating that the Market is officially opened. **Vendor to vendor sales may be conducted 15 minutes prior to the market opening and concession vendors may begin selling prepared food 30 minutes before the official beginning of the Market.** Repeated violation of this policy will result in termination of vendor's permission to sell. Vendors shall not leave their stall(s) unattended during open hours. Vendors are required to stay until closing unless they have received permission from the Market Manager. Vendors will load up unsold merchandise, clean area/booth/stall

used, and vacate the Farmers Market site no later than (1) hour after the Market is closed. Any exceptions must be cleared with the Market Manager. Exceptions will be made in the case of emergencies.

**4.10 SELLING OUT:** If a vendor sells out of their product before the end of the Market day, the vendor MUST post a "SOLD OUT" sign if they wish to leave their stall. Vendors may not pack up and leave. Any exceptions must be cleared by the Market Manager.

**4.11 STALL CLEANUP:** Each vendor is responsible for keeping his/her stall space clean during the Market and for complete cleanup of the space at the close of the Market day. This includes hauling away any trash or garbage that is generated in or around the stall and sweeping up any product debris left on the ground. Vendors are NOT to use the garbage cans left out for customers around the Market area, vendors need to use the garbage receptacle available through the Port of Wenatchee, behind Pybus Public Market. Vendors who do not clean up their vending space at the end of the market or use the customer garbage cans will be issued a warning. Additional offenses will result in a fee of \$15.00 for cleanup.

**4.12 NO SMOKING:** Smoking is NOT permitted inside the Market area. Vendors who do smoke must smoke 25ft. outside of the Market and must use an approved hand washing station before returning to their booth. (70.160 RCW)

**4.13 INTOXICATION:** No vendor may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while participating at the Market.

**4.14 CHILDREN:** Vendors need to keep a watchful eye on their children at all times. The Market takes no responsibility for the safety and supervision of the vendor's children. Vendors must comply with all regulations regarding employment of minors. No riding of bikes, skateboards or scooters are allowed in the Market.

**4.15 PETS: NO PETS ALLOWED IN BOOTHS,** except service animals. Service animals must meet the state required criteria/definition. All service animals must have a city license and be on lease and attached to the owner at all times.

**4.16 LIVESTOCK:** No live animals may be sold or given away at the Farmers Market. Animals may be marketed and offered for sale through nothing larger than a flier/brochure, however all transactions must occur at the seller's domain.

**4.17 PRINTED MATERIAL:** No petitions or any other printed material, surveys, political or otherwise may be displayed or distributed at the Market without the prior approval of the Market Manager. See Code of Conduct and Non-Discrimination Policy pg. 4.

**4.18 HAWKING:** Calling attention to your products in a loud, repetitive public manner during the market day is prohibited.

**4.10 VENDOR MUSIC:** Vendors may play individual music/radio quietly in their booth space, but should be aware of volume and other vendors' ability to transact business without any audio interference. Be considerate of different tastes.

**4.11 Vendors may sell Logo or Name** items in their booth. No more than 2 items at a time. *example: hat & market bag or T shirt & mug. etc.*

## 5.0 ENFORCEMENT AND DISPUTES

**5.1 COURTESY:** Vendors shall conduct themselves courteously. It is the Market’s intent to win friends and benefit all vendors, customers and the community. Customer complaints that cannot be resolved amicably on-site with the vendor shall be immediately referred to the Market Manager. All vendor to vendor grievances must be directed to the Market Manager. The Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market will do its best to accommodate each vendor’s needs. We request that any/all complaints, comments, or adjustments be discussed with the Market Manager in a quiet and respectful manner as soon as possible. The Market Code of Conduct will be followed and the “Three Strike Rule” will strictly be enforced.

**Please refrain from taking pictures of another vendor’s booth, product or craft without their permission.**

**5.2 THREE STRIKES RULE:** Vendors not complying will be subject to the following:

- **First Offense** – A verbal warning from the Market Manager.
- **Second Offense** – A verbal warning from the Market Manager followed by a letter in writing from the Market Manager stating the violation.
- **Third Offense** – Vendors will be asked to leave the Market immediately by the Market Manager. The Manager will be assisted by the presence of a Board Member. Vendors will be allowed to grieve the removal at the next Board meeting. The Board will make the final decision if the removal is temporary or permanent.

**5.3 GRIEVANCE CHALLENGES:** Any vendor may challenge another vendor’s products’ legitimacy or conduct by filing a written complaint with the Market Manager, in which they provide the name of the vendor and the product or situation they feel may not be in compliance with Market policies. The complainant must date the complaint and personally give the written complaint to the Market Manager. All attempts will be made to resolve the issues before the next scheduled Market day. This may include an inspection of premises, which will be carried out by a member of the Farm Inspection Committee. Healthy competition is encouraged but the Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market will not tolerate bad attitudes towards a customer or participant at the Market, resulting in an automatic step “2” of the Code of Conduct. If resolution is not possible, the complaint will be referred to the Market Board.

## 6.0 LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION

**6.1 SCALES:** Vendors must provide their own scales if they wish to sell produce by weight. Scales are sealed, calibrated and tagged annually. Scales must be “Legal for Trade” and in compliance with the Department of Agriculture rules. ONLY certified scales are permitted in the Market and will be checked by the Market Manager. Scales must be in plain sight of the customer. Registered scales must be identified on the Master Business License. Any questions about your scale should be addressed to the WSDA. (*AT most spring meetings we invite the WSDA. If you bring your scales they can be certified before the meeting.*)

**6.2 LICENSES, PERMITS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Vendors must submit copies of ALL required licenses and certifications with their application packet and are required to have them available for inspection during market hours. Please see the “WSDA Green Book”

<https://agr.wa.gov/departments/business-and-marketing-support/small-farm/the-green-book>

**It is the vendor’s responsibility to be aware of all of the regulations pertaining to their product.**

**Processors must provide the location of the certified kitchen.** Vendors, including Harvesters and Service vendors are responsible for knowing whether they need additional permits and for obtaining them.

**6.3 UBI TAX NUMBER:** Vendors other than farmers selling farm produce are required by law to have a Washington State UBI tax number.

**6.4 VEHICLE INSURANCE:** All vendors must show proof of current automobile insurance for ANY vehicle brought into the Market.

**6.5 COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE :** Campbell Risk Management (CRM) is requiring that all vendors, including non-profits, to have Commercial Liability Insurance. In addition, each vendor must name the market as Additional Insured or have a Blanket Additional Insured policy.

**6.6 SOME PRODUCTS REQUIRE ADDITION PERMITS AND LICENSES:**

- Washington State Business License and UBI Number
- Washington State Nursery License (sellers of plants, seed, or bulbs for planting.)
- WSDA Food Processors license
- Washington State Egg Dealers License
- Certification of Organically Grown Produce
- Grade A Dairy Permits
- Department of Fisheries Wholesale License
- Food Service Establishment Permit
- Exemption from Food Establishment Permit Application
- Chelan/Douglas Temporary Food Establishment Permit
- Pesticide Applicators License (cherry sales)
- Washington State Business License/Resellers Permit
- City Business License
- Product Liability Insurance (policy amount minimum \$1,000,000)

It is the responsibility of the vendor to have the required permitting with them in their booth.

**6.7 RETAIL SALES TAX:** Business and Occupation taxes are the responsibility of the vendor to have the required permitting with them in their booth.

**6.8 PRIVACY:** The Market will not release any information contained in these License/Permits, or sales reports to anyone unless first asked in writing by the vendor.

## **7.0 LABELING**

**7.1 PROCESSED FOOD INCLUDING HONEY:** Processed food, including honey must meet Washington State labeling requirements. Generally, labels may be printed or handwritten. They must include the name of the product, the vendor/company name, the address if it is not in the phone book, the net weight/volume on the bottom third of the label and the ingredients listed in descending order of content. Vendors are charged

with the responsibility to learn of and comply with labeling requirements from applicable agencies. Please refer to the WSDA “Green Book”.

**7.2 ORGANIC LABELING:** If a product is labeled organic it must be certified as required by Washington State Law. Verbal or written declarations of organic status not certified or verified will result in termination of the vendor’s permit to sell. When an organic producer is also selling non-organic produce at the same stand, the non-organic produce must be clearly signed and separated from the organic produce. **Selling of some farm products requires a special permit. Please refer to the WSDA “Green Book.”**

**7.3 BODY CARE PRODUCTS:** Body care products must comply with state and federal regulations on labeling for “cosmetics.” Please refer to the WSDA “Green Book” and the [Fair Packaging and Labeling Act \(FPLA\)](https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/rules/fair-packaging-labeling-act-regulations-under-section-4-fair-packaging-labeling-act) <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/rules/fair-packaging-labeling-act-regulations-under-section-4-fair-packaging-labeling-act>

## 8.0 HEALTH PRACTICES

**8.1 HEALTH PRACTICES:** All vendors must comply with sanitary procedures per Chelan-Douglas Health District, or other governing body. Any vendor found selling contaminated, unfit, or illegal foodstuffs, produce, or plants shall be suspended from selling at the Market until satisfactory clearance has been obtained from the Chelan-Douglas Health District, or other governing body. All vendors must wear shirts and shoes.

**8.2 SAMPLES:** Samples cut or prepared at the Market require the vendor (or at least one person at the stall) to have a Chelan-Douglas Temporary Food Establishment Permit and Health Board Food Workers Permit and to have an approved warm-water wash station and otherwise comply with applicable health district regulations. Either a plastic or glass cover should protect all food samples. Single serve items (i.e. toothpicks, small cups) must be used. Please consult with the Chelan-Douglas Health District, (509) 886-6450. The only time produce may be given free is at the end of the market to an established non-profit organization (i.e. Food Bank) and a record of this donation MUST be listed on the Market Day Sales Form.

### 8.3 Weather Protocol

Extreme Smoke Protocol

Any modifications to the market operations, including closure, will be based on guiding principles.

1. The mission of WVFM is to ensure the market is open and operating in the best interest of the WVFM vendors, public, and employees.
2. WVFM has an obligation to ensure any market closures due to smoke are at the Manager and the WVFM Board discretion consulting with the EPA’s Air Quality site.
  - A. When air quality reaches (101-150), the market will continue to operate.
    - a. Children and senior activities can be canceled.
    - b. Staff Health Protocol: N95 or higher masks and water should be provided to all staff. Staff that have sensitivity should have the option not to work.
  - B. When air quality reaches ( 150- 200) the market can continue as scheduled.

C. When a BURN BAN is in place, the manager should verify if stage 1 or 2 is in effect and appropriately cancel any prepared food vendors, who can not operate under these restrictions.

D. When air quality reaches Hazardous.....

- a. Board: If there is any advanced consideration of a market closer, the manager should contact the board to discuss any safety concerns. The market manager should seek out board members on site to make decisions, regarding closure.
- b. Vendor : Manager should call vendors to confirm their attendance at Sat. market to determine if a new layout is needed.
- c. Staff: Manager needs to communicate market changes to staff and volunteers, if there are any health concerns the manager needs to take them seriously and send these people home.
- d. Shoppers And Public: Manager needs to do social media posts on market hours. And to include "We can't stop the delicious fresh produce from growing , so come and get your favorite summer treats at the market! The market will continue to remain open despite smokey conditions, but please be conscious when coming outside."
- e. Expenses: Manager is authorized to spend up to \$100. at their discretion to ensure safe operations of the market. ( e.g. air mask, signage,water or other materials that support the staff and vendors.)
- f. Off site signage: Manager can reduce off-signage and other set ups to reduce extra exertion.
- g. Vendor cancellation: If vendors cancel at the last minute due to smoke and air quality, no cancellation fee will be assessed.

## Extreme Heat

**B.** In the event we have an Extreme Heat Wave the safety of our vendors and consumers is our paramount concern. The manager will reach out to board to discuss shortening market hours, using local weather service. ( Predicted heat from the local weather service of 100 degrees at 10:00 am. we will close the market early at 12:00 noon) The market manager will notify Vendors when sending out a market map on Friday and call a few vendors who don't have email. Manager will notify Pybus and post on social media.

**C. Winter market:** In the event of snow, cold and rain in the winter market, vendors can choose not to attend without canceling penalties. But we would like the vendors to call the manager on the market phone if they are not attending, preferably by Friday night. Manager will notify Pybus if the market is canceled.

## 9.0 RESOURCES

<http://agr.wa.gov/marketing/smallfarm/greenbook/>

<http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/Food/Food%20formsAndApps/FoodformsAndApps.aspx>

[www.wenatchee.gov](http://www.wenatchee.gov)

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/>

Chelan-Douglas Health District, (509) 886-6450

## 10.0 MARKET OPERATION MANAGER

**10.1 MARKET MANAGER:** The Market Manager’s job is to **UPHOLD** Market policies, defined by the Board of Directors in these Rules, Guidelines, and Policies.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Overseeing Market setup, booth assignments, and collection of fees, providing information about applications and Market policies and assuring vendor compliance with ALL market rules.
- The Market Manager will make booth assignment decisions based on available space, the NEED for specific products, general flow, and overall good of the Market.
- The Manager will be responsible for public concerns and vendor complaints.
- The Manager is the conduit between vendors and customers. **The Market Manager has complete authority to interpret and implement policy at the Market, including the authority to deny or rescind stall space.** Vendor grievances shall be communicated to the Board of Directors.
- The Market Manager will maintain balanced representation of artisans, growers, processors, and concessionaires in stall assignments.
- The Market Manager will be onsite at all times to handle Market business and customer questions.
- The Market Manager is empowered to enforce the “Three Strike Rule” and expel vendors who do not abide by these Rules, Guidelines, and Policies. Decisions of the Market Manager may be appealed to the Board of Directors and shall require a majority vote to be reversed.
- The Market Manager cannot have a conflicting interest in the Market when on duty..
- The Administrative Manager can fill in for Operations Manager when absent.

## 11.0 VENDOR INSPECTIONS

**11.1 PURPOSE OF INSPECTIONS:** The purpose of inspections is to assure that products sold at the Market are vendor produced as required in the WVFM rules, State and Federal agencies, and that the vendor lives and works within the geographical boundaries established by the By-Laws. Inspectors will note production capabilities of the facilities they visit. If a discrepancy is apparent, the Market Manager may deny the vendor access to the Market. This decision may be appealed to the Board for final resolution.

- The Board and/or Market Manager may request inspection of a vendor.
- Vending in the Market requires the vendor to submit to inspections.
- The Board of Directors has the responsibility for vendor inspections, as needed in accordance with this policy.
- The Board of Directors may delegate authority to the inspection committee.

### **11.2 INSPECTION PROCESS AND GUIDELINES:**

- The Market Manager will keep a record of inspections.
- Vendors with a change of address, change of sites, or change of other circumstances, must inform the Manager of such changes. Inspections may be required in these instances.
- Vendors may be inspected when complaints have been received by the Market Manager.
- If the inspection team cannot verify that a vendor produces his/her own product, the ability to sell may be denied by the Manager. The vendor may appeal to the Board of Directors.