

WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET: Rules and Regulations for 2012

Goal of the Westminster Farmers' Market

The goal of this Farmers' Market is to support producers within our locale. We encourage locally grown and/or produced products. Seedlings and potted plants are acceptable, as well as crafts which serve a functional purpose.

Hours of Operation and Setup

The hours of operation will be from 3:00 to 6:30PM on Fridays and will run from the first Friday in May until the last Friday of October with potential winter markets. Vendors are encouraged to arrive ½ hour before opening time to set up. No selling, selection, or bagging (in other words, nothing leaves your stand) before 3:00, except by general consent among all vendors that they are ready. Please enforce this yourself by explaining to your customers that it's unfair for you to sell to them before other vendors are set up.

Jurying

Vendors **MUST** be approved prior to setting up at the market. Any vendor that has not submitted an application and received approval from the Jury Committee will be turned away.

The Jury Committee reserves the right to limit the number of vendors in each category at any time.

The Jury Committee or a representative has the right to inspect the premises where a product is being produced or processed.

The Jury Committee shall consist of a five member team including the Westminster Agricultural Commission Chairman, the Market Manager, and three Westminster residents.

Annual Member Vendors

Membership in the Farmers' Market is contingent upon acceptance by a Jury Committee, and payment of an annual fee of \$100.00. The year will run from May until May. The fee must be paid at the time of the application.

Per-diem Vendors

Per-diem vendors must go through the jury process for approval. The per diem fee is \$10.00 and must be paid before vendors are allowed to set up.

Reselling

Reselling with LIMITATIONS will be permitted in order to offer the widest variety of Regionally-Grown food.

Once a grower has a product produced on their land and produced by them, and has notified the market manager of such event, the following week vendors are prohibited from reselling that product. Reselling is defined as offering for sale any produce or animal products which were not produced by the vendor on the vendor's property—either owned or rented (rental agreement must be provided at time of application).

Grown is defined as grown or produced within a 1.5 hour one way drive from the Westminster Farmers' Market.

All vendors are required to have a clearly marked 5"x8" sign marking each and every product that is being resold and the name of farm and town of the product origin. All items for resale must have been approved by jury committee.

Vendors can only be resellers if they are growing at least 75% of what they sell.

Permits and Restrictions

All necessary licenses, permits and insurance are the vendor's responsibility to obtain. Anyone selling baked or processed goods must have a "Permit to Operate a Food Establishment" issued from their town's Board of Health, as defined in the state sanitary code, Chapter X, and have a copy in their possession during the market. A photocopy must also be provided to the Market Manager Accompanying payment of membership fee, or per diem fee. This "Permit to Operate a Food Establishment" must also be approved by the Westminster Board of Health.

You may not advertise yourself as "Organic" unless you are certified. The word "Organic" is now defined and enforced by the USDA and has a very special meaning. You are free to use "non-sprayed", "sustainable", "all natural" or any other term that is not so regulated.

The use of household scales will not be permitted. Any scale used will have a seal by an official City or State Sealer of Weights and Measures. The Market Manager will ensure vendor's scales have been sealed.

Any vendor providing samples at the market must have those samples approved by the Westminster Board of Health in advance of distributing samples. It is highly recommended that vendors attend the annual training session in April sponsored by the Westminster Agricultural Commission and the Westminster Board of Health to avail themselves of this information.

Prices for all items must be posted clearly.

Collusion among vendors to exert pressure to fix, raise or lower prices is prohibited.

No vendor, while at the market, shall promote any diet or lifestyle that is contrary to the goals of the market.

Any written material must be approved by the Jury Committee but may be provisionally approved by the market manager(s).

Additional Info

Any violations as determined by the Market Manager shall subject the violator to removal from the Farmers' Market.

The Westminster Agricultural Commission reserves the right to modify these rules at any time as deemed necessary.