



NORTH MOUNTAIN MARKET

Rules and Procedures 2019

The **mission** of the North Mountain Market is to provide a community-based market of locally-produced goods that will encourage the gathering of citizens of the North Mountain and nourish its communities.

The **objectives** of the North Mountain Market are:

- To provide local farmers and producers a venue in which to sell their produce directly to customers.
- To give customers an opportunity to buy fresh, local, high-quality products.
- To provide a welcoming gathering place for social exchange.

Types of Vendor

A 'Primary Producer' grows and produces unprocessed agricultural products.

A 'Secondary Producer' uses primarily local produce to manufacture products. May be identified as primary producer if using own produce.

An 'Artisan' produces original art and crafts.

North Mountain Market Vendors

Vendors of the North Mountain Market shall be primary and secondary producers or artisans. The ratio of each type of vendor shall be 50% primary, 30% secondary producer and 20% artisan.

All vendors shall subscribe to the objectives of the North Mountain Market (as stated above).

The North Mountain Market opens on Saturday, June 2, 2019 and continues weekly on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm until and including October 12, 2019. The success of this initiative depends upon the commitment of the vendors to the Market. It is expected that annual (full-time) vendors will be in attendance for a minimum of 12 markets days (i.e. not miss more than 8 market days.)

Fees

Vendors agree to pay fees as outlined below:

Annual (full-time) vendors: \$12 per week

Casual vendor: \$15 per week

What may I sell at the North Mountain Market?

Primary Vendors:

Only Nova-Scotian- grown or produced farm products as listed here may be sold: vegetables, fruits, berries, herbs, seedlings, flowers, potted plants, trees/shrubs, honey, maple products, eggs, meat and fish (fresh, frozen, smoked or cured).

Secondary Vendors:

Only products produced/manufactured locally and made with primarily Nova Scotian grown or produced ingredients (home baked goods, pickles, jams and preserves, tofu, pasteurized dairy products, cheese, juice products, candy, etc.)

Artisans

Only articles designed/produced/manufactured locally.

No used or pre-owned items may be sold by any vendor.

Vendors are permitted to sell products that they have not directly produced but meet the rules of the Market and are approved by the Market Manager. This product shall not exceed 10% of a vendor's total sales. The remaining 90% must be produced by the vendor.

Prepared Foods

Vendors are responsible for identifying and obtaining all permits and training required by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, Food Protection and Enforcement Division.

These requirements may include a Food Establishment Permit, Special Event Permit and Food Handler Training. Proof of certification must be displayed at all times when selling at the Market. Deviation from the terms established in the permitting process may result in a withdrawal of Market privileges. While the North Mountain Market may be a party in the provision of facilities and equipment as identified in Section 19(1) of the Food Safety Regulations of the Health Protection Act, satisfaction of those requirements is the full responsibility of the North Mountain Market vendor/license holder.

General Market Rules

1. Each vendor must display their name or the name of their farm or business and a principle owner of the products for sale or family member must be present. Alternative arrangements can be made on an occasional basis with the approval of the Market Manager.
2. Vendors are required to display prices for all products by way of a price list or individually priced items.
3. Vendors should be knowledgeable of their products and may not misrepresent their product (sources, where and how grown, etc.).
4. Only Certified organic growers may use the word 'organic' in promotion of their products through signage, labels and verbal communications.
5. Vendors assigned a space at the market are only to take up their allotted space. Spaces will be allocated based on how many years a vendor has been at the Market. If a vendor exceeds the allotted space for their placement in the Market, they will be required to pay for two spaces (unless filling an aesthetic gap at the request of the Market Manager).
6. Size of tables, tents and display material may not exceed the boundaries of designated stalls. All stalls will be kept neat, tidy and safe for customers.
7. Vendors agree to be clean, tidy and suitably attired.
8. Children are welcome but should not infringe on the enjoyment of other vendors or customers.
9. Vendors may not bring pets to the market and the Market Manager will ensure that pets of customers do not infringe on the enjoyment of the Market by other customers.
10. A vendor who consistently offers products of inferior quality may be excluded from the Market at the discretion of the Market Manager.
11. Parking for customers is in front of the Church and along Long Point Rd. Once vendors have unloaded their vehicles at the Church entrance, they will be required to move their vehicles to an area designated by the Market Manager so as to provide convenient parking for customers.

12. All vendors are expected to be set up with wares displayed by 9:00 am and remain open at least until 1:00 pm. Vendors may choose to remain open until as late as 7:00 pm.
13. Clean up of the Church is to be carried out by the vendors. Vendors are responsible for cleaning their own stall area. Vendors agree to clean up the common areas on a cooperative basis.
14. Stall spaces will be assigned by the Market Manager with preference given to vendors who have been at the Market for the longest period of time. Seasonal (full-time) vendors retain their reserved spaces.
15. The Market Manager reserves the right to:
 - Limit the number of vendors selling the same product.
 - Mediate and make the final decision in any conflict resolution. If a vendor disagrees with the Market Manager's decision, the vendor may then take the grievance, in writing, to the North Mountain United Tapestry committee lead for the North Mountain Market.

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