

Farmers Market Rules and Regulations

- Vendor space is limited to an area of 10 x 10. A larger spot may be requested.
- Vendors must provide their own table, chairs, signs, tents, and refrigeration (if needed).
- Vendors must display a sign in their stall clearly identifying the name of the vendor and their location (county or city).
- Electricity will NOT be provided at this time. Vendor must supply their own generator, extension cords, and mats or tape to cover any portion of the cord that lie in any walking area used by market customers.
- Vendors are not authorized to solicit for outside businesses or another non-contracted business unless it is a non-profit organization from their space.
- Vendors must be at their booth at all times during the operating hours (9am to 1pm). Additional persons who sell items in the same space will be required to provide a signed contract and must be present at the day of the market where their items are marketed at such space. Any items not mentioned on the contract agreement must be pre-approved by the market coordinator before allowed in vendor's offerings.
- All agricultural products must be grown in Texas, there is no exception to this rule.
- Farmers must sell produce that they themselves have grown or must have signage informing customers of where their products came from. Farms are subject to inspection at the market coordinator's discretion.
- Any vendor that is found to offer products or services that contradict their application and are found to be non-compliant to the market guidelines will be banned from any future participation of the market indefinitely.
- Vendors agree to work in a harmonious manner with other vendors, customers, market coordinator and staff.
- Smoking is not permitted on the site of the Farmers Market. This guideline will be strictly enforced.
- Alcohol, illicit drug consumption, or swearing, will not be allowed nor tolerated at this market.
- The Farmers Market is not responsible for any permitting/licensing/insuring/State or Federal income tax/business operations of any vendor's products or offerings that are brought to the market for sale out of the vendor's booth.
- All products sold at the market shall be of merchantable quality.
- All vendors selling by weight must use an approved commercial scale certified legal for trade by Texas Department of Agriculture ("TDA").
- Cottage Food Vendors are allowed to sell food products cooked and prepared in their kitchen, properly labeled, and meeting the special requirements established by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Obvious product placement outside of the assigned space will not be allowed nor tolerated at this market.
- Vendors are responsible for advertising their own business at their own discretion.
- Any advertising a vendor does on the market's behalf, or incorporates any market logo must be pre-approved by the City of Garden Ridge.
- Any outside communications with the media or public done on the market's behalf must be pre-approved by the City of Garden Ridge before submission.
- Any and all grievances or concerns about operations must be filtered through the market coordinator. If you have a grievance or complaint about another vendor, please fill out a grievance report and it will be

submitted to the market coordinator.

- The Farmers Market is in coordination with, and authorized by, the City of Garden Ridge without having to obtain an additional city permit to do so.
- Vendors are responsible for maintaining and cleaning up their own booth space. The market coordinator will charge \$25.00 to the vendor for each day the vendor's space is left with debris. This fee must be paid to the market before the vendor will be allowed to participate in any future market days.
- Vendors must remove their own garbage waste from the market premises at the end of the day. Vendor will provide own trash and/or recycle bins.
- The market coordinator will arrive on site at 7am in order to designate vendor booth locations. Tear down of market stalls may begin at 1:00 p.m. It is expected that vendors have cleared City Hall parking lot by 2:00 p.m.

Vendor Categories

The Garden Ridge Farmers' Market groups vendors into three categories. Those categories are listed below and include examples of the type of products each can sell at the farmers' market.

General Vendors: are those selling fresh garden produce and other items not considered food products.

Examples: Fruits, Vegetables, Garden Produce, Flowers, Arts & Crafts, Herbal Tinctures, Herbs, Soaps, Body Care, Bath Products, Seeds, Plants and Pet products

Cottage Food Producers: are those "home based" vendors selling food products cooked and prepared in their kitchen and meeting the special requirements established by the Texas Department of Health.

Examples: Baked goods, breads, rolls, biscuits, muffins, cakes, pastries, cookies, nuts, jams or jellies, fruit pies, popcorn, pickles, roasted coffee or dry tea

Temporary Food Establishments: are those vendors selling manufactured or prepared food products considered potentially dangerous. These require a special permit and are subject to special requirements by the Texas Department of Health.

Examples: Fresh or dried meat products, canned fruits, **vegetables, fish products, pickled products, bakery goods that require any type of refrigeration, milk and dairy** products, juices made from fresh fruit or vegetables, lemonade, juices, similar beverages.