

General Information for Vendors

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The mission of the Great Falls' Original Farmer's Market is to promote and nurture the buying and selling of Montana-produced products and services by direct consumer sales. We accomplish this by celebrating the agricultural riches and talented people of our state in a fun, social and vibrant setting.

We offer a wide variety of fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, concessions, handcrafted items, entertainment, musicians, pony rides, and daily prizes. With an average of 145 vendors every Saturday we have something for everyone. Thousands of shoppers come from around the state and around the world to visit our Market. We are the largest family-friendly social and shopping event in the state and, we think, the best open-air farmer's market in the country.

The attached regulations endeavor to capture the spirit of what the Great Falls Original Farmer's Market has created. Your participation contributes to the positive energy, diversity and health that are important to the prosperity our local community. In the spirit of encouraging communication between all participants, we welcome concerns or comments regarding the attached regulations.

Market Location and Booth Spaces

The Great Falls' Original Farmer's Market is located by the Civic Center in downtown Great Falls, Montana. The Market consists of three sales areas: Park Drive from Central Avenue to First Avenue South, Whittier Park (the parking lot on the south side of the Civic Center) and the city parking lot on the east side of Park Drive known as the Downtowner Parking Lot.

The Saturday Markets use all three sales areas. The Wednesday Markets use a portion of Whittier Park only. A single booth space is generally the size of one standard parking space. Exceptions are at the Market Manager's discretion.

Market Days and Times

The Market is open every Saturday from the first Saturday of June through the last Saturday of September. Market selling times are 7:45am to 12:00pm.

Wednesday Markets begin the second Wednesday of July and end the Wednesday before the last Saturday Market. Market selling times are 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Safety and Restrooms

A first aid kit is available at the Market Information table in Whittier Park.

Walkie-talkies will be stationed with Board Members and selected vendors around the Market so the Market Manager can be promptly notified in case of problems or emergencies.

The restrooms in the Civic Center are not available for Market use. There are porta-potties available in the Market sales area. Also, JJ's Bakery on Central Ave. will allow us to use their restrooms.

Management and Board of Directors

Market Management

Barb Lassiter, *Market Manager*
Kenny Thornton, *Assistant Manager*
Levi Morrison, *Market Associate*
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Board Members

Barbara Murfield, *Chairman*
Karen Gray, *Vice Chairman*
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Board Meetings

The Farmer's Market Board meets at the Park Manor, 100 Central Avenue, at 6:00pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month from January through October. Vendors and the general public are encouraged to attend.

For information about becoming a Board Member, please send an email to the Board of Directors at gffm@farmersmarketgf.com and request a Volunteer Application.

Vendor Checklist

- Read the Regulations for Vendors to ensure that you are in agreement and able to meet all requirements.
- Complete the Vendor Application form.
- Mail or email your application to the Market Manager using the addresses shown on the application.
- Please note that applications will be reviewed and accepted in the order received. Applications may be submitted at any time. However, if you wish to participate on the first Market Day you must submit your application no later than May 15.
- If you are selling any type of food product, except fresh unprocessed produce, you must have your application signed and stamped by the City-County Health Department before you can sell any product at the Market.