



2009 St. Johns Vendor Handbook

ABOUT THE ST. JOHNS FARMERS MARKET

Mission

SJFM supports a local, sustainable food supply while providing opportunity for emerging farmers, contributing to the health of all local residents, encouraging cross-cultural connections and dialogue, and enhancing the community and business vitality of St. Johns.

Market Values

- Home Grown – We work to create a space for local vendors selling local products.
- Sprouting and flourishing – We strive to support new vendors, balanced and mentored by more experienced vendors.
- Range and Array – By fostering diversity of product, we believe both customers and vendors will benefit.

Market History

The St Johns/Lombard Plan, adopted by Portland city council in June of 2004, identified the need for a farmers market in the St Johns town

center as part of a larger economic development strategy. The plan called for the St Johns Neighborhood Association, along with the St Johns Business Boosters Association and the Portland Bureau of Planning, to implement the farmers market strategy over the next five years. In early 2008 the St Johns Neighborhood Association chairperson, Thomas Ebert, began exploring the idea of a farmers market with local residents during a series of neighborhood association meetings. A small group of local residents, along with Thomas, began meeting over the course of the next few weeks to discuss the possibility of starting a farmers market. The SJFM committee was soon founded and began holding regular meetings in local restaurants, coffee shops, and in the St Johns Community Center.

2009 MARKET HOURS AND LOCATION

Welcome to the first season for SJFM!

The SJFM is scheduled to open July 11th and continue every Saturday through September 26th. The market will be held in the St. Johns Plaza, located in the southwest corner of the N. Philadelphia Ave/N. Lombard St Intersection. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

http://www.sjfarmersmarket.com/?page_id=16

When you first arrive at the site each week, please check the vendor bulletin board located near the Market Information Booth to see where your booth will be located that week. This board will have a map of the site, as well as any other info you may need.

VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

Review Vendor Handbook

All perspective vendors must review the SJFM Vendor Handbook and be familiar with the policies and expectations contained within.

Signed Vendor Application and Hold Harmless Agreement

All perspective vendors must complete and sign the SJFM Vendor Application and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Deposit Check

All ACCEPTED vendors are required to provide the market with at least one week's stall fees due one week after being notified of acceptance. Please verify this amount with the Market Manager prior to writing your check. This payment will be credited to your first week at the market and is non-refundable.

Relevant Licenses and Certificates

All perspective vendors must acquire and provide SJFM with copies of all relevant licenses and certificates in order to comply with local, state and federal requirements governing the sale and production of their products. All qualifying vendors must be certified in the Farm Direct Nutrition Program for WIC and Seniors, and must abide by the program's requirements.

Product List and Descriptions

All perspective vendors are required to submit a complete list of all products they wish to sell within their vendor application. Acceptance of application assumes approval of products listed within application. Any products wished to be added during the season must be submitted in writing to the Market Manager a minimum of seven (7) days prior to vending.

Processed Products

Samples of processed products may be required to be submitted as part of the application process, when requested by the Market Manager.

FEES AND PAYMENT

Stall Size and Price

Standard: 10'x10' \$20.00

*Double: 10'x20' \$40.00

+Umbrella: 5'x 5' \$10.00

*These stall sizes are limited and their availability will be confirmed at time of market acceptance.

+The market provides space only, please provide your own umbrella.

Monthly Prepayment is the standard method of payment for the market. It is to be received in the mail by the last Friday of the month prior or paid to the Market Manager during the market day on the last Saturday of the prior month. Payments may be made as cash or check payable to SJFM. Stall space is guaranteed once payment is received.

Vendors may chose to prepay for the entire season by making out one check to SJFM in advance of the market season for their entire season.

A vendor is not required to attend all markets, but must notify Market Manager by Tuesday prior if they won't attend or the vendor forfeits their refund.

MARKET GUIDELINES FOR VENDORS

Permits and Licenses

Vendors are responsible for complying with local, state and federal rules for sale and production of their product, which includes acquiring the necessary permits, certificates and licenses. All vendors therefore must submit current copies of all required documents with their application to SJFM. Vendors who do not comply with applicable regulations may be excluded from the market and may forfeit stall fees.

Scale Certification

All vendors who sell by weight are required to have their own state-licensed scales. Unit pricing is an alternative to licensed scales.

Organic Certification

Only growers who are certified organic may use the word organic in their signage and in verbal claims. Non-certified organic growers must use other descriptive terms for their products.

Uncertified Claims

Growers using verbal or written claims where certification cannot be established (e.g. unsprayed, no spray and pesticide free) must submit a

written statement with the vendor application attesting how these procedures are followed.

Vendor Signage

All vendors must have a sign with the name and location of their business. The sign must be legible and easily seen. All approved WIC and Oregon Trail vendors must display those signs in an easy to see location.

Selling Privileges

Approval of selling privileges for a vendor is always for a specific period and never exceeds one market season. The market does not offer exclusive rights to any one vendor to sell any one product. Market customers benefit from having a choice. However, if SJFM believes the number of vendors offering the same or similar products is excessive, duplicate products may be denied entry at time of application.

Enforcements and Disputes

The Market Manager has the ultimate authority on-site to enforce all of the vendor rules contained within the Vendor Handbook and agreed to in the Hold Harmless Agreement. The SJFM Board of Directors can be contacted in writing after the market day to appeal or a decision of the Manager.

OPERATION GUIDELINES

On-site Market Manager Cell Phone: 503.317.4587

In the case that you may be late, please call to alert Market Manager and to determine where to unload, as no vehicles are permitted on-site after 8:30 am.

Booth Set Up and Presentation

The SJFM provides stall space only. Vendors must provide their own canopy with weights, display cases, tables, chairs, etc. Vendors are responsible for arranging their space attractively and safely. Vendors must have sufficient weight on their canopies at all times, as the safety of

our customers, vendors, staff and volunteers is of utmost importance. Please also avoid setups that may cause potential hazards. Vendors are responsible for any damage caused by their setup.

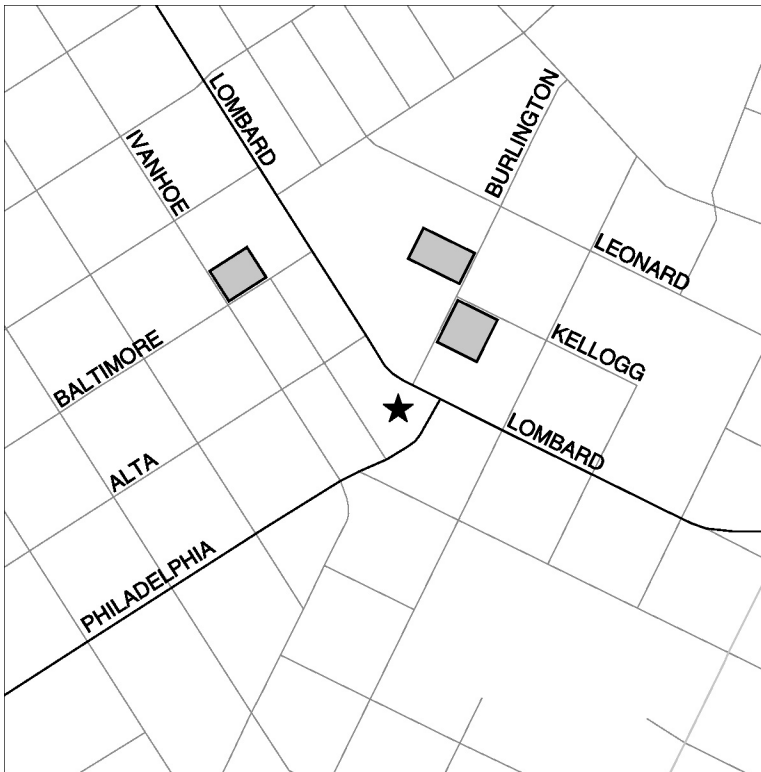
Unloading 7:00–8:30 am

Vendors may begin set up at 7:00 am. Vendors may use the alley between Brad's and Burgerville or Philadelphia St as a loading area. All vehicles must be offsite by 8:30 am to ensure safety of customers arriving early.

Once onsite, the vendor is to unload completely within their assigned stall, promptly move vehicle from site, then return to begin set-up. Late vendors who have notified the Market Manager to verify space and are arriving after 8:30 am, must park outside the market and carry all supplies to their booth. Unless notified in advance, reserved spaces are held until 8:30 am. After this time the Market Manager may allow another vendor to utilize the space.

Vendor Parking

To ensure customers can park close to the market, vendors must park in designated lots only. This includes the two lots located north of the site on N Burlington Ave and the lot located west of the site on N Baltimore Ave as indicated on the map below. **Vendors must not park in US Bank parking lot.**



The Market Manager has the right to ask vendors to move their vehicle if parking/unloading becomes hazardous to local traffic or customer safety. SJFM is not responsible for any towing fees incurred by the vendor.

Opening Bell 9:00 am

Vendors may begin to sell only after the ringing of the opening bell at 9:00 am.

Closing Bell 1:00 pm

Booths must remain set up from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm even if vendors sell out earlier. This allows the market to continue without disruption. Vendors may begin breaking down their stalls when the bell signals the end of the market at 1:00 pm. A second bell at 1:15 pm will alert vendors that it is safe to drive their vehicles into the market. Stall spaces must be packed, cleaned and cleared out by 2:00 pm.

Clean-Up

Vendors are responsible for cleaning up and taking home all debris, garbage and compost generated by their operation. The SJFM garbage

cans may NOT be used by vendors. Vendors must have the grounds cleared and their vehicles removed no later than 2:30 pm.

Cancellations

Vendors must call the Market Manager no later than 5:00 pm on the Tuesday prior to cancel a reservation for the current week's market. The SJFM cannot guarantee a refund for cancellations received after this deadline.

Food Sampling

Vendors providing samples of products to market customers must be knowledgeable of and in compliance with all Oregon Department of Agriculture Food Handling Regulations. These vendors must have a hand washing setup and must comply with ALL hand washing requirements. Vendors offering food samples that produce waste, must provide a trash receptacle at their booth.

Utilities

Water: Potable water is available to all vendors at the square drinking fountains. Vendors are to provide their own hand washing stations if needed.

Electricity: vendors requiring electricity must notify Market Manager within one week of being accepted to the market season. Please specify number & type of plug-ins as well as amperage required.

Restrooms: Burgerville has donated use of restrooms for the market.

Smoking: SJFM is a non-smoking venue and those who wish to smoke must do so well outside the boundaries of the market.