

ST MARYS FARMERS' MARKET

Community Participant RULES AND REGULATIONS

– Effective July 1, 2018

The St. Marys Farmers' Market is operated under the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Marys Farmers' Market Association. It is overseen by a board of directors elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Day to day oversight of the market is the responsibility of the Market Manager.

Mission Statement:

Established in 1992, the mission of the St. Marys Farmers' Market Association is "to establish and maintain a Farmers' Market for the purpose of marketing local farm and craft products, to improve production, stimulate public interest, and increase consumption of local products."

Objectives of the St. Marys Farmers' Market:

- To encourage the growing of quality fruits and vegetables, and the production of home baked goods, crafts and Ontario food products.
- To create marketing opportunities for local growers, producers and crafters.
- To promote a cooperative spirit among vendors and with consumers.
- To bring urban and rural communities closer together.
- To exchange knowledge and research information.

Membership

Membership is required for Vendors and Community Participants of the St. Marys Farmers' Market Association. All members agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Market.

- A "Vendor" is defined as an individual or group who rents space (a stall) from the Association for the purposes of selling their products.
- A "Community Participant" is a non-profit group using space to promote community activities and events.
- An "Associate Member" is an individual who does not use space but wishes to support the Farmers' Market.

Members of the St. Marys Farmers' Market are eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, where decisions like the stall fees and length of season are made for the coming market season.

Market Season

The regular market season runs on Saturday mornings from the Victoria Day weekend (mid-May) through to the last Saturday in October from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Community Participants are limited to a maximum of three (3) Saturdays in any given season.

Market Stalls

- A market stall is 10 feet wide (the width of a canopy) and the length of a parking stall.
- Participants supply their own canopies, weights to hold down canopies, tables, chairs and any other items as required to operate their stall.
- Electricity is available but participants must supply their own extension cords.

Stall Fees

- **Community Participants:** Membership fee (required): \$20
The non-profit participant will be exempt from the weekly stall fee **Except:**

If the non-profit participant is selling a product or service that competes with regular market vendors (for example, a bake sale or selling garden produce) then **the participant will be considered a regular vendor** and all of the Vendor rules and responsibilities shall apply. *(Please refer to the full Rules and Regulations document for details.)*

Location and Parking

The St. Marys Farmers' Market is located in the Jones St. parking lot directly behind The Source at the corner of Water St. S. and Jones St. E, in downtown St. Marys. The actual address is 116 Jones St. E. Ample parking for customers and vendors is available in the Foodland/Canadian Tire parking lot directly south of the Market. Please, give consideration to the needs of market shoppers when choosing where to park your vehicle during market hours.

The Town of St. Marys will place a port-a-potty at the Market from May through October.

Insurance

The St. Marys Farmers' Market Association provides basic insurance, covering public liability and property damage, through your membership fees.

Member Responsibilities

- Each participant will supply his/her own equipment, i.e. tables, chairs, canopy, extension cords, etc.
- All participants shall conduct their business in an orderly manner. Shouting or any objectionable means of soliciting trade are not allowed.
- Participants will ensure their market stalls and surrounding areas are kept clean and clear, both during and after each market. All canopies must have appropriate weights on the legs to prevent canopies from being windblown

Non-compliance:

The Rules and Regulations of the Farmers' Market will be strictly enforced. The Board and/or Market Manager will discipline Members who do not comply with the rules and regulations as follows:

- a. Market Manager will provide the Member with a verbal warning for the first offence.
- b. A written notice will be given by the Market Manager for a second offence.
- c. If a third offence occurs, the Member shall be informed in writing that their organization can no longer participate in the Market.

Additionally, in extreme circumstances, the Market Manager is empowered to provide written notice and then immediately evict from the Market any Member consistently breaking the rules, or acting in such a fashion that could be construed as detrimental to the Market. In such an event:

- a. the Chair of the Board will be copied in on any such notices;
- b. the Board as a whole will be updated at the next board meeting.

Photographs

A representative of the Market may occasionally take photographs of goods offered for sale at the market, of market stalls and/or of market vendors to use in the promotion of the Market. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken please let the market manager know.

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