

Grindrod Garlic Festival Letter to Vendors for 2022

We are excited to welcome you to the 13th Annual Grindrod Garlic Market on August 21, 2022.

Here is a short update with some important information for you as you get ready for the Market.

Current Covid 19 safety measures must be adhered to by all participants. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please stay home. Don't forget your hand sanitizer and to wash or disinfect your hands often. We will have a table set up with sanitizer and a hand wash station for the public.

Set Up

Vendors must set up between 7am and 9am on the day of the Market. Plan to arrive early, especially if you have a large vehicle or trailer: set up must be completed by 9:30 am.

Please check in with the Market Coordinator as you enter to confirm your assigned vendor space., placement is at the discretion of the Market Coordinator.

Vendors can park a vehicle immediately behind their vendor stall.

Vendor spaces are approximately 10x10 feet and vendors are asked to remain within their designated spaces. The space is marked by dots which mark the front of your tent. Do not allow people to walk between vendor spaces – please direct them to the entrance if they attempt to do so.

Vendors are responsible for their own protection from the elements, for all materials and equipment required for their booths, and for ensuring such materials and equipment are secure in all weather conditions. *The Grindrod Garlic Festival Society and organizers are not liable for any damage caused by vendor installations, materials or equipment.*

Food vendors need a current FoodSafe certificate. Vendors who sell high risk foods are required to have a permit from Interior Health (letter of approval).

Vendors are expected to treat each other, patrons, Society directors, volunteers and the Market Coordinator with respect and common courtesy. *The Market Coordinator has final authority on the day of the Festival.*

Waste and Sustainability

The goal of the Grindrod Garlic Festival is to improve our environmental sustainability. Every year we are committed, where possible, to adopt practices that reflect sustainable principles and best practices, such as using paper and compostable packaging in place of plastic bags or garlic sleeves. In 2019 we generated less than one full bag of garbage for the entire day as most waste was diverted to recycling and compost!

Vendor Participation

Please bring an entry for our judging categories! Categories this year will be Largest Garlic (any variety), Best Garlic Braid (Softneck), Best Garlic Braid (Hardneck), and People's Choice Best Garlic

Art (painting or drawing). The art will be displayed at the festival and posted on facebook where people will vote by “liking.”

Volunteers

HELP!! We can always use volunteers on the day of the Market. If you or friends and relatives can spare an hour or two to help on Market day it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact grindrodgarlicfestival@gmail.com if you can help!

Take Down

The Market opens to the public at 10 am and closes at 4 pm. Vendors must wait until the bell rings at 4 pm to begin taking down their stalls.

Absolutely no vehicles can drive in or out until market staff gives clearance to do so!

We rent the Park location and provide a damage deposit. Every vendor is responsible for leaving their space in immaculate condition.

Thank you for supporting the Grindrod Garlic Market!

As your board, we continue to try to keep the Festival fresh and interesting, while renewing the most popular events. If you have ideas for adding to the Festival, feel free to share with us by emailing us at grindrodgarlicfestival@gmail.com

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