

2026 Grindrod Garlic Festival Letter to Vendors

We are excited to welcome you to the 16th Annual Grindrod Garlic Festival on Sunday August 16, 2026 at the Quilakwa Ball Park in Enderby.

Vendor Fees and Cancellation

General Vendors: \$70 per 10'x10' spot

Food Vendors: \$100 for a spot 10' or less, \$150 for a spot over 10' (Food vendors are those whose product is more than 25% ready to eat food and drink, either hot or cold.)

Fees are due by May 31, 2026 and can be paid via etransfer or cheque.

Cancellation must be received in writing to grindrodgarlicfestival.com and will be refunded as follows:

If received on or before JUNE 15: 100% refund

If received on or before JULY 15: 50% refund

If received after JULY 15: no refund

Set Up

7AM to 9AM. DO NOT COME EARLY as we will not be ready for you. Sites will be assigned in advance. Be sure to allow plenty of time for set up, especially if you have a large vehicle or trailer: **set up must be completed by 9:30AM.**

Please check in as you enter to be directed to the appropriate area.

Vendor spaces are approximately 10'x10' and vendors are asked to remain within their designated spaces. The space is marked by dots which mark the front of your tent.

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.*

Vendors must have the appropriate permits and certifications. These must be submitted with your application and displayed at your booth as required.

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

Washrooms

There is a washroom building near the food court area and there will also be a portapottie with a wash station set up near the vendors.

Waste and Sustainability

One goal of the Grindrod Garlic Festival is to improve our environmental sustainability. Every year we are committed to adopt practices that reflect sustainable principles and best practices, such as using paper, glass, or compostable packaging in place of plastic bags or garlic sleeves. All vendors using single use plastic items or styrofoam are required to have certified compostable single use items instead. **No foam or non compostable plastic single use items will be permitted. Biodegradable is not compostable!**

There will be no garbage cans and everyone is encouraged to bring their compostables and recycling to the Eco Stations where we have dedicated volunteers sorting waste to ensure it is diverted correctly.

Vendors must take any garbage collected at their booth home with them.

Take Down

The Festival closes at 4 pm, vendors must wait until then to begin taking down their stalls. If any vendor is seen starting tear down before 4pm, they may not be accepted in the future.

Other Rules

- No music at vendor booths
- Absolutely no vehicles can drive in or out during festival hours (10am to 4 pm) *If you need to leave during the festival for any reason you must park outside the vendor area.*
- Every vendor is responsible for leaving their space in immaculate condition.
- Vendors will have to take home any garbage they collect at their booth.

Vendor Participation

Please bring an entry for our judging categories! There are several garlic categories such as Largest Garlic (any variety), Best Garlic Braid (Softneck), Best Garlic Braid (Hardneck), and two People's Choice Art categories: Adult and 16 and Under. The winner of the adult category will get a small prize and be featured on the poster for next year, the children's category will also receive a prize. *We would love to see and display art by previous winners but they are not eligible to win* You can view all categories on our website so you can plan ahead!

Please bring any entries to the Info Tent before the festival starts and pick them up after 3:45.

Volunteers

HELP!! We can always use volunteers on the day of the Festival, usually in two hour shifts. All volunteers get a goodybag.

SET UP: hanging banners, set up of info tent, art displays, judging area. This is for the early birds!

INFO TENT: help people register for workshops, hand out tickets and explain the people's choice art competition, sell bags, answer questions.

TEAR DOWN: taking down tables, tents, signs, making sure the site is clean

Please contact grindrodgarlicfestival@gmail.com if you, or somebody you know, can help.

Thank you for supporting the Grindrod Garlic Festival!

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, or any feedback, feel free to share with us by emailing us at grindrodgarlicfestival@gmail.com