

# THE MERIDIAN MAIN STREET MARKET

## Guidelines 2026

33 E. Broadway Ave. Meridian, ID

Welcome to Meridian Main Street Market located at 33 E. Broadway, Meridian, Idaho, 83642. The Meridian Main Street Market upholds the age-old tradition of the consumer meeting the producer in a vibrant marketplace where community residents can purchase healthy foods and handcrafted items.

**VISION:** The Meridian Main Street Market is a community marketplace where local food and agricultural products, along with handcrafted items are available to the local community. The Market helps to build personal and community self-reliance.

**MISSION:** Meridian Main Street Market supports a regenerative, healthy food and agricultural system by operating a vibrant marketplace featuring locally grown and hand-crafted products.

**PLEASE read through guidelines before applying. Once your application and market dates are approved and paid for - no refunds will be given for withdrawal due to changes in schedule, insurance coverage, etc.**

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## **Guidelines Highlights** This is a quick reference to the most important guidelines of the Meridian Main Street Market. All vendors are required to know and follow all of the MMSM Guidelines.

1. MMSM is a producer only-market. The vendor booth occupant must be the person/family/employee who are directly involved in the growing or making of products sold. **Re-selling products produced by others is prohibited.**

*Product Guidelines #1, pg. 14.* 2. Fee structure, payment schedule, and penalties. *Fees and Late Fees* pgs. 4-6.

a. The registration fee is \$50 and is an automatic withdrawal from credit/debit card on file on your application. Vendors pay \$35 (adult) \$10 (youth) per market day you register for.

b. **If payment using card on file is not authorized (card denied or invalid)**

**and a reminder has to be issued, the late fee is \$25 in addition to the appropriate booth fee. No grace period will be given. No stall assignments will be given until both fees have been paid.**

2. New Products must be approved by Market Management before being sold at the market. *General Product Guidelines #3 pg. 15.*

3. If a vendor cannot attend their scheduled market day they must notify management by 10 a.m. on the Thursday before the market. **No refunds** will be given for cancellations (extenuating circumstances may be discussed with Market Management) *Vendor Booth Spaces, #6, pg. 6.*

4. Traffic-flow, Unloading, and Loading. *Traffic & Parking Rules pg. 8, Start of Market days, End of Market Days, pg 9.*

a. All vehicles must enter the lot as directed and follow all unloading and loading rules.

b. Vendors' vehicles must be unloaded and removed from the lot **BEFORE** beginning stall set-up. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine.

c. Vehicle unloading will be permitted between 6:45 am and 8:15 am, depending on booth location. Any vendor arriving after 8:00 a.m. must carry all goods and products into the market area.

d. Vendors must have booths disassembled and product and equipment ready to load **PRIOR** to bringing their vehicles into the market area.

e. Vehicles are not allowed to enter the lot before 1:30 p.m.

These guidelines are intended to help familiarize vendors with the Market

and its daily operations. Questions or issues that are not addressed in these pages will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We look forward to having you join us at Meridian Main Street Market.

## **Days and Hours of the Regular Season Market**

Location: *33 E. Broadway Ave, Meridian, ID 83642 - (Meridian City Hall Plaza) and Broadway Ave between Main St and Meridian Rd.*

Dates: April 11, 2026 to October 17, 2026

Time: Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - rain or shine

**\*\***The only cancellation will be for

Thunder/Lightning which may lead to closing early or late start, as decided by the Market Manager.

# Fees

## Booth Fees

### ***Agricultural and Specialty Product Vendors***

*1. Weekly booth fees are \$35 (adult) \$10 (youth) per booth per week and are automatically charged to credit or debit card on file in your account on the Sunday (by 8:00 pm) before your scheduled Market date. **Any cancellations after fees have been charged will not be refunded. If payment using card on file is not authorized (card denied or invalid) and a reminder has to be issued, the late fee is \$25 in addition to the appropriate booth fee. No grace period will be given. No stall assignments will be given until both fees have been paid.***

### ***Food Trucks***

*1. A \$100 fee will be charged to be at the Market on the scheduled date.*

### ***Community Groups (non-profit groups)***

*1. Community groups at the Market will be charged a \$50 fee. Community groups are only allowed to participate in the Market up to three times each summer. Community groups may sell things at the Market. Items for sale (no reselling items) are to be cleared with the Management Staff prior to applying to the Market.*

## Vendor Booth Spaces

1. Market Management will determine booth space locations and number based on availability. Every effort will be made to keep vendors in their desired spot if they attend the market regularly. The Market does not grant or guarantee product/item exclusivity to any Vendor. Consideration is given to keep similar vendors spaced away from each other.

2. Returning vendors will have the first right of refusal of their space.

3. Booth spaces are non-transferrable and may not be sub-let.
4. Booth spaces will be issued in increments of approximately 10' x 10'. Market Management may ask vendors to expand their display area as deemed appropriate to improve the appearance of the market.
5. Vendors may not use more than 2 feet outside of their booth space for display. Vendors with displays and/or tables exceeding this space in any direction will be required to pay a 1/2 booth space fee of \$25 per week.
6. If a vendor will be absent from a market that they have been scheduled and paid for, notification must be given to Market Management by 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday before the market to allow for reassignment of space. **No refund will be issued for paid weekly booth fee.**
7. **A no-show the day of the market will result in a \$100 fine charged to the card on file of the vendor's account. No refunds will be given.**
8. Weekly booth fees will only be eligible for credit upon approval of Market Management for cases of emergency, crop or product failure or other extenuating circumstances.

## Market Appearance

1. Vendors are responsible for keeping their booth spaces clean and attractive during Market hours.
2. Product or empty boxes may not be stored on benches, sidewalks or the pedestrian area. All walkways and benches are public spaces and must be kept clear.
3. Vendor tents must be 10'x10'. Exceptions are at the discretion of Market Management.
4. At the end of the Market day vendors are responsible for cleaning their booth space and removing their own refuse, boxes, signs and unsold product. All vendors must bring a broom and trash receptacle to aid in clean-up of their booth space. Please do not use the Market trash cans for trash from your booth. There is a dumpster on the South side of City Hall (behind accessible gate) for you to dispose of trash - use of the trash cans for large items/amounts of trash by vendors will result in a fine of \$25 charged to card on file.

## Signs

1. All vendors must have signage at their booth identifying themselves or their business. All signage and product sampling must be contained within the vendor's booth space.
2. Signage must not obstruct the view or interfere with neighboring vendor spaces or walkways.

## Safety and Emergencies

Customer and vendor safety is of the utmost importance. The following safety measures must be followed for booth setup and teardown.

1. All signage and display material must be appropriately secured.
2. Vendor displays must not endanger or obstruct customers, other vendors or the flow of Market traffic.



3. All booths must be anchored so the tent will not blow away or cause a hazard during a weather or wind event at the market. A minimum of 30# weights per leg of tent/canopy ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL VENDORS. Weights in trailer are **ONLY AVAILABLE** for youth vendors. Use of Market weights by other vendors is prohibited. If you arrive without weights you will not be allowed to set up and will have to go purchase weights for your market day.
4. All vendors using flame to cook food or as a heater must always have a fully charged fire extinguisher in their booth.
5. Common sense and courtesy must always be observed.
6. Be especially aware of:
  - a. Vehicle loading and unloading.
  - b. Correct practices for parking while unloading.
  - c. Vehicle movement throughout the Market during setup and teardown times.
7. Incidents resulting in personal or property damage will be the sole responsibility of the offending vendors. The Market is not responsible for damages due to vendor negligence, weather, or customers. Any incident involving personal injury or property damage must be reported to Market Management immediately.
8. In case of emergencies at the Market call 911 and notify the Market Manager or other market staff immediately.

# Market Traffic and Parking Rules

## Parking

1. Vendors are to park all vehicles (including trailers) in the employee parking lot to the West of City Hall on Meridian Road (behind City Hall). If no space is available there, vendors may park on the far south side of employee parking lot to the South side of City Hall (facing the railroad tracks ), or down Broadway across Main Street). **There is NO PARKING in the main parking lot in front of City Hall, in the lot adjacent to First Interstate Bank, or the dirt lot at the Zamzows facility- vendor vehicles parked in this lot will incur a \$25 fine - charged to card on file.** A map will be provided by request.

2. There will be no charge for parking at this time.

## Vendor Loading and Unloading

1. It is essential that extreme caution is exercised in the Market area due to the high amount of pedestrian traffic and vehicle traffic on surrounding streets.
2. The speed limit in the Market is 5 mph.
3. Do not block alleys, public roadways or parking lot entrances before, during, or after the Market.

## Start of Market Days

*1. All vehicles must enter Broadway as directed and follow all unloading and loading procedures. It will be one way (headed West) from Main Street and one way (headed East) from Meridian Road based on the side of the street your booth assignment is located.*

2. Vehicle unloading will be permitted between 6:45 am and 8:30 am  
- these times will be based on your assigned booth space and load in times.

3. Vendors' vehicles must be unloaded and removed from the market area prior

to any booth setup.

4. Any vendor arriving after 8:15 a.m. may not drive their vehicle into the Market area to unload. You will be required to find a parking space and transfer product to your booth space for set up. You will also be charged a late fee of \$25 for arrival after 8:15 am This will be charged to the card on file of your account.

5. Vendors with trailers must unload before 7:30 a.m. or at the discretion of Market Management.

## **End of Market Days**

1. No vehicles will be allowed into the market area before 1:30 pm or at the discretion of Market Management. If market entrance access is unavailable, continue circling the block until it opens. Do not block traffic or enter the lot without permission.

2. Vendors must have booths disassembled and product and equipment ready to load prior to bringing their vehicles into the market area.

3. Any vendor tearing down their booth before 1:30 pm will be charged a \$100 fee for early takedown. This will be charged to the card on file of your account.

4. If a vendor sells out of product, they can put up a “sold out” sign and leave their booth if desired but cannot take down their booth until 1:30 pm.

## **Market Rules Violations**

*The Market Management has the ultimate on-site authority and will enforce all rules of the Market. If a vendor fails to comply with these rules or any pertinent supplemental guidelines, Market Management will address the issue with the vendor and determine the course of action to resolve the issue and prevent recurrence.*

*Penalties are applied and enforced by Market Management and may include a verbal warning, written warning, additional fees, suspension or expulsion from the Market.*

*Any problems or disputes should be reported to the Market Management by providing a written statement of the issue.*

*Vendors have the right to one appeal to the Market Management and the Management has the final say in all penalty decisions.*

## **General Market Rules**

1. All vendors must comply with all applicable City, State and Federal laws.
2. No pets of vendors are allowed to roam freely and must be in your booth or with you on a leash at all times
3. No smoking is allowed within the Market area.
4. No amplified music or other sound is allowed within the market area other than what is provided by the Market during market hours.
5. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Market, except for beverages provided by wine, beer or cider vendors for sampling.
6. Vendors may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or nationality.
7. Children of vendors must be closely supervised. The Market is not responsible for their safety.

## **Market Responsibilities**

The Meridian Main Street Market is committed to creating a diverse marketplace of the highest quality. In order to support our vendors in this effort, MMSM and the Market Management will provide the following:

1. Special Event Permit and/or lease contracts for the market season.

2. Limited electricity, if available; advanced arrangements must be made with Market Management.
3. Trash receptacles.
4. Facilitation of any special site requirements or street closures for the market.
5. Advertising and promotional support throughout the Market season.
6. General liability insurance to cover the overall market. This insurance does not cover vendor product or equipment.
7. Facilitation of vendor submission of ST-124 and other forms required by the Idaho State Tax Commission.
8. Market Management will provide information by using the website ([www.meridianmainstreetmarket.com](http://www.meridianmainstreetmarket.com)), email, and social media.
9. The market does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, political affiliation or nationality.

## **Vendor Responsibilities**

1. All vendors are required to know and follow the rules covered in this document and any pertinent supplemental vendor guidelines distributed by Market Management. When you apply and agree to these guidelines, that is your legal agreement to abide by rules, fines, and market management guidance.
2. *At least one producer, owner, a member of their family or employees who are directly involved in the production of the products available at the market are*

*required to attend their booth for the entire market day. Exceptions must be approved by Market Management by 10 a.m. on the Friday before the market day.*

3. Vendors are responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, and/or inspections applicable to their product and business (i.e. Health Dept, USDA, State Tax, IRS, etc.).

4. Appropriate permits and/or licenses must be posted each market day, and copies must be provided to Market Management upon request.

a. Vendor's State Tax ID must be downloaded to the **Marketspread website (marketspread.com)**. Per Idaho State Law, all vendors must fill out form **ST-12**. Failure to do so could result in suspension from the market until the completed form is received.

**5. It is strongly recommended that vendors have an insurance policy for their business of at least \$1,000,000 listing MMSM as an additional named insured and supply a copy of their business insurance verification into their marketspread account with their application annually. If you desire not to carry insurance on your business while a vendor at the Market, there are two waivers (Inside Marketspread that you will have to sign to indemnify all parties of the Market).**

a. **Two companies that are easy to work with and reasonably priced are: [www.eventhelper.com](http://www.eventhelper.com) or [www.actinsurance.com](http://www.actinsurance.com). The market runs for 21 weeks. We average about 400 guests per Saturday (needed for quote).**

6. Vendors requiring scales must use scales certified for sales.

7. Vendors coming to the market with children must be considerate of their neighboring vendors and customers.

8. Vendor behavior must remain professional and courteous at all times. This means no cursing, derogatory language, or discussing topics that may make others uncomfortable.

*9. Generators are allowed on a limited basis. All generators must be quiet*

*enough to prevent disruption of normal market activities. Whether or not a generator is too loud is determined by Market Management.*

10. The reselling of products at the market is prohibited unless specifically permitted by Market Management and will not be tolerated. *Any vendor reselling products without permission will be removed from the market for the remainder of the season.* Any suspicion of unpermitted reselling should be brought to the attention of Market Management immediately.

## **Gross Sales Reporting**

The Meridian Main Street Market collects gross sales data and shopper counts from vendors to better understand our economic impact. Groups that use the information gathered by MMSM include city, state and federal agencies and our insurance provider. We recognize the sensitivity around gross sales reporting by vendors. In order to maintain vendor confidentiality, we follow these procedures:

1. Vendors must submit completed gross sales reports for each market day attended. Marketspread will send a text or email reminder 30–60 minutes before market close. Sales must be reported in Marketspread within 24 hours. Failure to report within 24 hours will result in forfeiture of the next scheduled market date until reports are current, and a \$25 fine will be charged to the card on file.
2. Forms may be submitted to market staff on the website - [www.marketspread.com](http://www.marketspread.com). You will receive a text/email from Marketspread at the end of each Market day to provide your numbers.
3. *Any published statistics are given in totals only and vendor names are never mentioned.*

## **Product Guidelines**

1. All products must be grown, raised, produced, caught, gathered, designed or made by the person selling at the Market.
2. Vendors are required to submit a complete list of all products they wish to sell

at the market with their application.

3. New products or additional products from existing vendors will be allowed for sale at the Market only upon approval from Market Management. *A written description of any new product must be submitted to Market Management one week in advance, through Marketspread, for approval. Submitting this description does not guarantee that the product will be accepted. Market Management will grant or deny approval within two working days of submission.*

4. Admission of any product will be based on the present competitive availability of that product as determined by Market Management.

5. The use of locally-grown ingredients is encouraged. Vendors are urged to provide appropriate signage to advertise their use of these ingredients.

## **Vendor Categories and Products**

### **Agricultural Vendors**

1. *Agricultural Vendors are market vendors that sell mostly raw or modified agricultural products that they grow from seed or breeding stock like fresh fruits, vegetables or plants, or fresh or frozen meat.*

2. Agricultural vendors may sell specialty products, both food and non-food if the product is from raw ingredients grown on their farm.

3. All agricultural vendors must raise 100% of the agricultural products, available at their booth on a market day, on land they own or lease.

4. Agricultural vendors must provide information to the market, when requested by Market Management, pertaining to their farm's production capabilities.



## **Agricultural Product Guidelines**

1. Agricultural products at the Market include fruits, vegetables, flowers, bedding plants, beef, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, cheese, and bee products.
2. Bedding and landscape plants and flowers must be either propagated by the vendor from seed, cuttings, bulbs or plant divisions or have been substantially increased in value under the vendor's care.
3. Meat, egg and milk vendors must meet the current requirements of the USDA and ISDA and only sell their products in approved packaging.
4. Containers holding farm products that are typically eaten raw, like leafy greens, must never be set directly on the ground unless the container has no holes to admit dirt and contaminants.

## **Specialty Product Vendors**

1. *Specialty Product Vendors are businesses that sell specialty foods or non-foods that are made by the business from ingredients or materials that are significantly changed in form or value in the products sold at the Market.*
2. *All Specialty Product Vendors must create and make all of the products, available at their booth on a Market day, on land they own or lease with equipment they own or lease.*
3. Specialty Product Vendors must provide information to the Market, when requested by Market Management, pertaining to their business's production capabilities.

## **Specialty Food Vendors**

1. Specialty Food vendors sell foods prepared primarily for off-site consumption.

2. Specialty foods must be prepared in a commercial or certified kitchen, with the exception of Cottage Foods that follow Cottage Food guidelines.
3. If any vendor wants to sell a cottage food at the Market they must complete and submit a risk assessment form to their local health department (Central District Health information is at the end of these guidelines) and provide a copy to Market Management signed by their health department approving the product as a cottage food.
4. Vendors are encouraged to increase the amount of locally produced ingredients in their products each season.

### ***Alcoholic Beverage Vendors***

- 1. Alcoholic Beverage vendors sell alcoholic beverages like beer, wine or cider.*
- 2. Alcohol permit is required (even if sampling) and is available through City of Meridian (permits office) and is REQUIRED to be filed FIVE (5) days before your market date.*

### **Specialty Non-Food Vendors**

- 3. Specialty non-food vendors sell products that are not edible products and generally serve a utilitarian or aesthetic purpose.*
4. Priority will be given to vendors who use locally-grown raw materials.

### **Specialty Product, Specialty Food & Specialty Non-food Guidelines**

1. Specialty products are raw or pre-processed goods whose value has been increased through the addition of ingredients or processes that make them more readily useable by the consumer. There are two categories of specialty products:

Food and Non-Food.

2. All Specialty Products sold at the Market must be produced by the vendor.

Vendor's work must dominate the final product. Raw ingredients must be significantly altered and/or enhanced by the vendor.

3. *Specialty Food products must be prepared for off-site consumption and include but are not limited to pies, baked goods, condiments, cheese, cured meat, flour, spice mixes, jams, pickles and oils.*

4. *Specialty Non-Food products may include but are not limited to soaps, lotions, cosmetics, medicinal products, wreaths, bouquets, pelts or hides, plant or animal fibers and soil amendments.*

## **On-Site Food Vendors**

1. *On-site food vendors sell food prepared at the Market that is ready to be consumed at the Market and are a category of Specialty Product vendors.*

2. On-site food vendors must have a commercial or certified kitchen associated with their business where food preparation takes place.

3. Vendors are expected to present their own unique product. Commercially packaged foods like chips, candy, canned soda will not be permitted to be sold by vendors at the Market, with the exception of water bottles during periods of hot weather.

## Food Trucks & Food Trailers

1. Food trucks are any self-propelled vehicle that vends food from the vehicle. Food trailers are trailers pulled by a vehicle that vends food from the side of the trailer.
2. Food trucks/trailers must have a commercial or certified kitchen associated with their business where food preparation takes place if any food preparation takes place outside of the truck/trailer.
3. Food truck/trailer vendors are expected to present their own unique product.
4. The City of Meridian does require an inspection by the Fire Chief for all food trucks. It is the food truck's responsibility to acquire this inspection at their cost (\$25 in 2021) Contact the City of Meridian Permits office for details and how to set this up.
5. A \$100 fee for the season will be assessed for all food trucks. Failure to show up for scheduled date will incur a \$100 no show fine.

## **Community Groups (Non Profit Organizations)**

1. Community Group vendors are businesses or organizations that emphasize education, sustainability and community building. Representatives must be sharing information to benefit the community as well as promoting their organization or event.
2. Community Group vendors will be charged a \$50 fee for the season.
3. If a vendor is selling any product at the Market it must be relevant to the event or organization represented at the market and must be pre-approved by Market Management.
4. Community Groups may attend the market up to three times each season, space permitting.

## **Vendor Promotional Product Guidelines**

1. All promotional products must be approved by the Market in accordance with normal product approval protocol.
2. Promotional products must only promote the vendor's business or promote the MMSM.
3. *Displays of these products must not dominate the vendor's booth and Market Management may direct vendors to change their promotional product display to fit the desired Market appearance.*

## **Contact Information**

Market Manager – CheRee Eveland (208) 918-3480

Assistant Manager - Erin Sandvik (208) 860-4202

Or [meridianmainstreetmarket@gmail.com](mailto:meridianmainstreetmarket@gmail.com)

By clicking the “YES” on your application that you have read these guidelines, that is considered a “signature” to abide by the rules as a vendor at this market (Parent may sign for youth vendor). I understand that failure to follow these guidelines could result in my losing my booth space and/or not being allowed to vend at the Market for the rest of the 2026 season.

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Signature (Parent for youth vendor)

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Printed Name

The following information on State agencies is provided to aid vendors in complying with regulations concerning their products. Vendors should contact the appropriate State agency for detailed information.

- **Central District Health Department - (208) 375-5211**

- **Idaho State Tax Commission - (208) 334-7660 - [tax.idaho.gov](http://tax.idaho.gov)**