

## 2026 Hills Chamber Farmers Market Application

Season Dates: June 5, 2026 through August 28, 2025 ( **THERE WILL BE NO MARKET ON JULY 3, 2026** )

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_  
 On-Site Sales Person (if different than seller) \_\_\_\_\_  
 On-Site Sales Person Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

What items of production are for sale? Please be specific. (**Only items listed on this application by the seller may be sold at the market.**)

Truck Garden \_\_\_\_\_  
 Orchards \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flowers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Berries \_\_\_\_\_  
 Greenhouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (list specifically) \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD AND FOOD TRUCK VENDORS:** Please list all items you will be selling. These items **MUST BE** approved by the Market Manager.

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\_\_\_\_\_ *By initialing, I understand any food items I am selling MUST BE ready to sell by 8:00 am. **No exceptions.***  
**(This also applies to Food Truck Vendors)**

Will You Be Using a Generator Weekly? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (Electricity will not be available.)

Select One	MARKET VENDOR <i>Approx Space Size: 10' Wide x 19' Deep</i>	Fee for 2026 Season <i>(Check or Cash)</i>	Fee For 2026 Season <i>(Paying with a Credit Card)</i>
	1 Space	\$200	\$210 (Includes Convenience Fee)
	2 Spaces	\$270	\$285 (Includes Convenience Fee)
	<b>Returning 2025 Full Season Vendor - 1 Space</b>	<b>\$180</b> <b>(Payment due by 03/01/26)</b>	<b>\$190</b> (Includes Convenience Fee) <b>(Payment due by 03/01/26)</b>
		<b>Pop-Up Fee (Check or Cash)</b>	<b>Pop-Up Fee (Paying with a Credit Card)</b>
	1 Space	\$30 Per Week	\$35 Per Week (Includes Convenience Fee)
	<b>FOOD TRUCK VENDOR</b> <i>Approx Space Size: 20' Wide x 19' Deep</i>	\$270 (Cash or Check)	\$285 (Includes Convenience Fee)
		<b>Pop-Up Fee (Check or Cash)</b>	<b>Pop-Up Fee (Paying with a Credit Card)</b>
	2 Spaces	\$75 Per Week	\$80 Per Week (Includes Convenience Fee)

**(OVER)**

\_\_\_\_ By initialing, I understand that there are **NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

\_\_\_\_ By initialing, I understand that the **Certificate of Insurance must be received by the Market Manager no later than May 1, 2026.**

\_\_\_\_ By initialing, I understand that as a pop-up vendor I MUST SUBMIT committed dates by May 1, 2025.

\_\_\_\_ By initialing, I understand that as a pop-up vendor I MUST BRING my payment to the Market Manager at The Hills Chamber Tent by 8:00 am prior to setting up. Credit/Debit card payments cannot be accepted at the market. Only cash/check will be accepted. I understand I will receive a receipt at time of payment.

\_\_\_\_ **All FULL SEASON PAYMENTS are due by March 15, 2026.**

The Hills Farmers Market understands that many farmers co-op or collaborate with other local farmers to provide a wider variety of produce to bring to market. IL HB 5657/Public Act 098-0660 requires vendors to post a placard/signage identifying point of origin of agriculture products sold at Farmers markets, including physical addresses. Signage must be displayed every week. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial here)

All Cooking Demonstration/Tastings/Sampling requires a food vendor permit. Please describe what you will be sampling and complete the attached Food Vendor Permit: \_\_\_\_\_

### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to sell or offer for sale at the Hills Chamber Farmer's Market, only such items as listed above, which are my own production yielded from the above-mentioned property. Further, I will acknowledge full responsibility for all activities conducted throughout the term of this seasonal market, abide by the Market rules and regulations and agree to **hold the City of Hickory Hills, and or sections and departments thereof, and the Hills Chamber of Commerce and it's Board, Directors and/or representatives thereof harmless**, and to indemnify the Hills Chamber of Commerce and City of Hickory Hills and its sections for any and all claims arising under this permit.

Signature of Seller \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Farm/Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Important Deadline Dates**

ALL Market Vendors and Food Trucks - **Completed Application:** Mar 15, 2026

ALL Market Vendors and Food Trucks – **Full Season Fees:** Mar 15, 2026

ALL Market Vendors and Food Trucks – **Certificate of Insurance (COI):** May 1, 2026

Pop-Up Vendors **ONLY** - **List of Season Dates:** May 15, 2026

Food Vendors **AND** Food Trucks **ONLY** - **Cook County Dept of Public Health Form:** Apr 15, 2026



## Hills Farmers Market

Hills Chamber of Commerce  
c/o Hickory Hills Community Center  
7800 W 89<sup>th</sup> Place  
Hickory Hills, IL 60457  
E: [info@thehillschamber.org](mailto:info@thehillschamber.org)  
Phyllis Majka and Art Golden, Market Managers  
Cell: (708) 267-0974 Phyllis Majka / (708) 302-2787 Art Golden

### 2026 Rules & Regulations

#### **Hills Farmers Market Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Hills Farmers Market is to promote a marketplace providing a venue where local farmers, producers, and crafters can come together to provide a variety of fresh wholesome and related products to the visitors and residents of Hickory Hills and Palos Hills communities and surrounding areas. The Hills Farmers Market supports a healthy lifestyle, supports our local economy, and increases opportunities for our small business community, farmers and not-for-profit organizations.

#### **Who Is Eligible to Sell Products:**

- Any person offering for sale such as meat, fish, poultry, eggs or dairy products and includes fruits, juices, vegetables, gourmet oils, edible grains, nuts and berries.
- Products, not edible articles such as cut or potted flowers, raised by the grower or grower's family members.
- Crafters and Direct Sales Vendors are welcome to the Hills Farmers Market.
- Our goal is to offer a wide variety of products.

#### **Enforcement of Market Rules:**

- The Market Manager has full authority to enforce all rules with the assistance of the City of Hickory Hills.
- The Market Manager will discuss location requests, however, final vendor location will be at the discretion of the Market Manager.
- Market participants are required to conduct themselves as polite and courteous to other vendors and market patrons.
- Avoid unsuitable language, such as crude jokes and engaging in inappropriate behavior.
- Physical, verbal or sexual harassment, misconduct or abuse toward other vendors or other vendors will not be tolerated and may result in your forfeiting your Hills Farmers Market Vendor Space.
- Incidents of harassment or abuse brought to our attention may result in a verbal warning resulting in a weekly or permanent dismissal.
- Once the chains have closed the parking lot to the market, absolutely NO VENDOR/S are allowed to remove the chain to bring their vehicle in the lot. At this point, if you are arriving late or leaving you will need to carry your items to the location of where your vehicle is parked. No exceptions. This is for the safety of the market patrons as well as the vendors.
- If a vendor is dismissed from the market, there will be NO REFUND. If assistance is required to remove said vendor, the Market Manager will contact the Hickory Hills Police Department for their assistance.
- All vendors must notify one of the Market Managers listed below via email to [info@thehillschamber.org](mailto:info@thehillschamber.org) NO LATER THAN 5PM THURSDAY (the day before) if you are unable to attend \*\* OR \*\* you can call/text them at one of the phone numbers listed below. DO NOT HAVE OTHER VENDORS INFORM US OF YOUR ABSENCE. Please put these cell numbers in your phone.

***Phyllis Majka (708) 267-0974***

***Art Golden (708) 302-2787***

**Selling Regulations:**

- Vendors selling or offering articles according to weight must be in accordance with the established standards for weight in the State of Illinois.
- **No vendor is exclusive at the Hills Farmers Market.**
- The source for all bulk products such as dried fruits, edible grains, dried herbs, nuts and seeds, must be identified and displayed.
- Fresh fruit juice must be chilled/refrigerated. Dry ice is acceptable.
- Organically grown will not have received any chemically formulated pesticides or fertilizers.

**Certificate of Insurance:**

- All sellers must produce a Certificate of Insurance (COI) for the Hills Farmers Market which includes at least \$1MM General Liability Each Occurrence / \$2MM Aggregate Limits and include the following wording: **The Hills Farmers Market from June 5, 2026 through August 28, 2026. The City of Hickory Hills is an additional insured as its interests lie. The Hills Chamber of Commerce, its Officers, Directors and Representatives should also be included as an additional insured.**

(See sample below for wording required on Certificate of Insurance)

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)	
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<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</b>	<b>CANCELLATION</b>
City of Hickory Hills Hills Farmers Market 8652 W 95th Street  Hickory Hills IL 60457	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

- Certificate of Insurance must be received **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2026.**
- Certificate of Insurance can be emailed to: info@thehillschamber.org. Or you can mail a copy to The Hills Chamber of Commerce c/o Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W 89<sup>th</sup> Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

**Display Arrangements:**

- **Vendors must furnish their own tent, tent weights, tables, chairs, rain protection. Weights are required and must be secured to tent for everyone’s safety.** No anchoring or holes will be allowed on the pavement/sidewalks, etc. Market is an open area.
- **Weights are required on all tent legs and must weigh a MINIMUM of 25 lbs. per weight.**
- **At the end of the market, weights are NOT to be removed from your tent legs UNLESS you knock your tent down immediately. Do not leave your tent without weights attached to the legs!!!**
- Displays shall be kept clean at all times with protection against contamination.
- **NO ELECTRIC** will be available at the Hills Farmers Market. No cords will be allowed across the parking lot for safety issues.
- Sharing of assigned spaces **ON THE SAME DAY** with **other vendors is NOT PERMITTED.** Only one vendor per **space, per week.**
- GENERATORS – **MUST BE** quiet. (No electric is available)
- PORTABLE PROPANE HEATERS will be allowed on cold days.

- No vendor is allowed to remove any tables or chairs from the Food Tent area. This is reserved for market patrons.
- The Hills Farmers Market Committee provides music at the market. This will be the ONLY music allowed at the market.

**Clean-Up Regulations:**

- Vendors must remove all waste and refuse from their spaces before leaving the market.
- All garbage must be off the pavement before leaving. Receptacles will be available.

**Fees for Space Rental:**

- Only Vendors who have paid for the full season (June 6, 2025 – September 26, 2025) will be assigned a space which will remain their space throughout the entire season.
- Pop-Up vendors are NOT guaranteed the same space. Pop-Up vendors must check in with the Market Manager on Friday morning at the Hills Chamber tent (green top) for space assignment prior to setting up.

**Hills Market Hours of Operation:**

- The Hills Farmers Market will take place every Friday, starting June 6, 2025 through September 26, 2025, rain or shine. If it is determined that severe weather is imminent i.e., lightning, severe storms or excessive heat warning, etc., it will be at the discretion of the Hills Farmers Market committee to either “Cancel” or “End” the market for the day. **NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MARKET ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025.**
- Location: City of Hickory Hills, 8652 W 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Hickory Hills, IL 60457
- Hours of Operation: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Set-Up will begin one hour prior at 7:00 am.
- All vendors are required to stay at the market until 1:00 pm and must be out by 1:30 pm.

**Important Deadline Dates**

Mar 1, 2026	<b>Full Season Fees &amp; Application:</b> Returning 2025 Full Season Vendors
Mar 15, 2026	<b>Completed Application:</b> ALL Full Season/Pop-Up Market Vendors and Food Trucks
<b>Mar 15, 2026</b>	<b>Full Season Fees:</b> ALL Market Vendors and Food Trucks
<b>Apr 15, 2026</b>	<b>Certificate of Insurance (COI):</b> All Full Season/Pop-Up Market Vendors and Food Trucks
<b>Apr 15, 2026</b>	<b>Cook County Dept of Public Health Form:</b> All Full Season/Pop-Up Food Vendors <u>AND</u> Food Trucks ONLY
<b>May 15, 2026</b>	<b>List of Season Dates:</b> Pop-Up Vendors <u>ONLY</u>