

Coastal Growers' Market

Market Rules 2010

A. Operating Rules

1. Coastal Growers Summer Market (CGM) is open rain or shine from Saturday, May 15 - Saturday, October 30, 2010 during the hours of 9AM until 12 PM.
2. Vendors may set up at their market sites up to two hours but no later than 30 minutes before the market opens. No products shall be sold before the market opens. Vendors must have their market sites dismantled, packed up, and cleaned within one hour of the market closure.
3. All approved members must commit to and practice a regular schedule of attendance, if not for the entire market season, then for a predetermined period of time. A vendor must give 24 hour notice to the market master if they can not attend a market day. Only two excused absences are allowed for the full market season.

B. Vendor and Product Rules

1. IT IS ABSOLUTELY AGAINST THE POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ANY MEMBER, BESIDES THE CGM, TO PURCHASE ITEMS AND RESELL THEM AT MARKET.
2. Members must submit a list of crops and acreage or row feet they intended to grow for each crop. Please see the by-laws for more specific information on this topic.
3. Each vendor will be responsible for all equipment and supplies for the setup of a booth (table, scales, bags, signs, etc.). Vendors who provide samples and/or products which result in waste material (such as corncobs, rinds, cups) at the market shall provide accessible containers for such waste disposal.
4. All licenses, sales permits, sales tax information and other requirements for the sale of any item shall be the responsibility of the vendor. Each member is responsible for meeting all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations which affect local vendors. Members must carry their own insurance to cover them during the farmers' markets (the insurance held by the Association does not protect individual vendors).
5. Vendors must identify themselves by posting an easily read sign giving the name of the vendor's business.
6. Sales shall be conducted in an orderly business manner. No shouting, hawking, or other objectionable means of soliciting shall be tolerated. Vendors shall exhibit courtesy and cooperation to customers and to other vendors selling at the market.
7. PRICES SHALL BE PLAINLY DISPLAYED TO THE CUSTOMER.

C. Market Fees

1. Initial full season application fee is \$50 due with the application for returning members and new growers. In addition the weekly stall fee shall be \$20 for full season members which shall be paid in two payments: \$100 by 5/15/10, and the balance by 7/31/10.
2. Artisan vendor fees are \$35 due with applications, and \$30 per stall per week at the market. The weekly stall fee may be pardoned if the vendor conducts a demonstration that is approved by the market manager and publicized in advance.
3. Stall fees are to be paid to the Coastal Growers Market via the market manager or by mail to the PO Box.

D. Stall Assignment /Layout

1. Each vendor agrees to make his/her stand and products offered for sale as attractive as possible following the market style guidelines which include: sturdy tent; tablecloths; farm name displayed prominently.
2. Vendors' stands should be safe and orderly; umbrellas, tarps, and signs should be securely anchored to prevent movement by the wind; they should not hang over the walkway to create a hazard.
3. Vendors will be assigned to the market locations according to market spaces available at market sites, seniority, type of product, and previous market attendance. Each stall is 12 feet x 12 feet.

E. Market Quality

This is a very high quality market. Products must meet a quality acceptable to the market manager.

F. Miscellaneous

1. Members are encouraged to attend all Association meetings. Failure to attend required number of meetings will result in a \$15.00 penalty for the meeting not attended by the member. Members not present without notice are exempt from redress for changes in the policies or market rules that apply to them.
2. Vendors and customers are not to bring pets to the markets or ride bicycles through the market area.
3. Each member must read, accept and fully understand the market rules and bylaws of the Coastal Growers Market.
4. The market manager has the authority to mediate and enforce the market rules.

***Any questions or concerns should be addressed to market manager,
Bevan Linsley. Contact for the market is:***

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After reading and reviewing the rules above, please sign below and include with your application.

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I have read and understand the market rules above. I agree to abide by these rules. I agree to do what I can to make the market a success, and a positive experience for the customers, the vendors, and the host location.

Signed _____

Date: _____