



**Three Rivers
Farmers' Market**

2014 Three Rivers Farmers' Market Rules

Dates: June 19 through October 30

Market Hours: Sundays 9AM – 1PM and Thursdays 3 – 7PM

JD's Business Complex, 38 Elm Street, Milo, Maine 04463

The Three Rivers Farmers' Market is pleased to welcome farmers, artisans and crafters to the market.

Please read these rules and regulations carefully before signing your application and keep this copy for your records. Failure to comply could result in charges, suspension or termination of your market assignment. For more information or questions please contact Jane at 207.943.8708 or email 3RFM@trcmaine.org

The Three Rivers Farmers' Market reserves the right to prohibit any vendor from selling at the Three Rivers Farmers' Market and to prohibit the sale of any product at the Market that does not adhere to the guidelines set forth in this document.

Vendors are required to carry liability insurance and provide documentation of insurance.

Before the first Market all vendors must submit a signed application form with all required documents and material and must be approved by the Three Rivers Farmers' Market Board of Directors before participating in the Market.

After the Market has begun, additional applications will be approved by the member vendors of the market.

Members of the Market who choose not to exercise their member voting privilege agree to be bound by will, dues, and the by laws but will not be required to vote in the operation of the market.

In compliance with State of Maine laws governing the use of the "farmers' market" venue, vendors are required to declare on their application that all items that he/she sells are of their own creation and were created or produced in his or her presence and/or under his or her direct and personal supervision. A person may not sell farm or food products at a "farmers' market" unless at least 75% of the product being sold by that person is grown/processed/created under that person's direction.

No resale of products is allowed.

Produce, plants, flowers, eggs, honey, cider, cheese, etc., must be grown or produced by the vendor.

All producers of home processed items are required by law to obtain proper licenses(s). Home processed items include but are not limited to maple syrup, honey, jams, jellies, cider, cheese, baked goods and canned goods.

Exception: A vendor may bring in produce or products other than their own providing it is labeled as such and approved by the Three Rivers Farmers' Market.

Vendors of perishable/potentially hazardous foods including but not limited to meat, cheese, tofu and fish, etc. are responsible for complying with all requirements and licenses set by the State of Maine and the Federal Government (i.e. the local board of health, Maine Dept of Public Health, USDA, FDA and others) and need to provide appropriate documentation with this application.

Be aware that a State of Maine Scale Inspector may visit the market during the season to check the accuracy of your scales.

Handicrafts and like items may be sold provided that they are made by the vendor and their sale approved by the Three Rivers Farmers' Market.

All artwork* needs to be pre-approved by the Three Rivers Farmers' Market before being offered for sale at the Market.

All fine arts products must be original and personally executed, or supervised directly, by the artist of record.

Limited edition prints must be signed by the artist and numbered.

All work must be suitable for family audiences.

Artwork will be displayed at artisan's own risk. The Three Rivers Farmers' Market is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft.

Sharing a space is limited to two vendors.

Spaces are reserved **only** for vendors who have prepaid their membership before the market day. The daily fee will be paid to the Market Master each day the vendor attends the Market.

The Market Master is responsible for all activities at the market; all vendors must comply with his/her requests. If a vendor cannot make it to the market, please call Haley 207.313.3388 at least 3 hours before start time or email emeryfarm288@gmail.com before market day.

The Market Master will be there one hour in advance of opening: (2PM on Thursday and 8AM on Sunday) to direct and assist with set up.

The market does not have access to water or electricity for vendor use.

Vendors should arrive at the market allowing themselves sufficient time to set up their produce, products, and display by the opening time.

Each vendor is responsible for setting up his/her displays, and must ensure that all structures are secure to prevent tents from "rolling" in the wind and creating a hazard to others. Vendors provide their own tables, chairs, canopies, awning, etc., for a 10' by 10' space.

Vendors and members should present themselves in an appropriate manner, dress, state of cleanliness. Shirts and shoes must be worn.

Vendors must have completed set up at least 15 minutes before the market opens, must be present and should remain on site for the duration of the market day unless excused by the Market Manager. If the vendor is not available, a knowledgeable replacement/representative, may stand in with the approval of the Three Rivers Farmers' Market. All rules and guidelines will apply to the vendor replacement/representative.

Before the market opens all products must have prices clearly marked, and vendor must display signage of the farm or business before any transactions can occur.

Vendors must display proof of certification if labeling produce "Certified Organic." **Send MOFGA certification if necessary.**

The Market Master cannot redeem food stamps or WIC program coupons, however, vendors are encouraged to accept them if contracted with the State of Maine to do so.

Due to safety concerns, no vehicles will be allowed to enter the market area after the market opens and all vehicles that are not part of a vendor stand must be removed before the market opens.

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Consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited on the grounds.

Designated areas for use of tobacco products will be at the perimeter of the market and marked by adequate signage.

Vendors are responsible for cleaning their spaces and **removing all trash** at the end of market day.

Only service dogs are allowed in the market area.

*Acceptable Art Products: All fine craft and art media are accepted including but not limited to: clay, fiber, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, paper, wood, original painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, fiber art, clothing, accessories, weaving, pottery, carvings, sculpture, woodwork, painting and drawing or other forms of illustration, fresh floral arrangements in which all components are designed by the vendor, dried flower arrangements, and mixed media works. Work must be original and executed or supervised by the accepted artist vendor.

Unacceptable Art Products:

"Kit" or "Assembly Line" craft projects. Use of commercial molds. Purchased retail items.

Mass produced/commercially produced kits, molds or imports.