

Grand Forks Farmers' Market Box 1004 Grand Forks, BC VOH 1HO

Vendor Rules & Regulations for the Grand Forks Indoor Farmers Markets

The Indoor Farmers Markets at the Legion are part of the Grand Forks Farmers Market and therefore adhere to the same rules and regulations that are in place for the summer markets. First priority will be given to GFFM season farmers, meat and egg producers, and artisans. If space allows other local farmers and artisans may apply to attend.

There will be 9 markets on Fridays from October 24 to December 19 for 2025. Markets will be booked for every second Friday starting January 9 to April 17 in 2026.

To guarantee your space is held, all vendors should reserve their dates as soon as possible. Fees must be paid in advance for all markets. Vendors may pay for the whole fall season at once or submit postdated cheques for the markets that they are booking. Payment for markets in the upcoming month must be received a minimum of 7 days before the first market of the month to guarantee your space and to be included in the Facebook advertising. For example, if you want to attend a market on November 8 and 15, you will have to submit a postdated cheque or cash to pay for these markets by November 1st to guarantee your spot. If payment isn't received, we will move to the next person in line wanting a space. If you need to cancel a market, the market manager needs to be informed by the Wednesday before the market date for reimbursement of vendor fees.

There will be your choice of 3 table sizes for this indoor season with the following fees:

- 1. Card table size \$15.00 per market (supplied)
- 2. 6 foot (bring your own) or 8 foot (supplied) market table \$25.00 per market Vendor space will be limited to a maximum of 8ft. If a market date is full, vendors will be placed on a waiting list.

Vendors bringing their own tables must ensure the rubber feet are clean and non-abrasive. The hardware store sells replacement boots if yours are worn. The GFFM will be paying a \$100.00 damage deposit this year, so we do not want to scratch the Legion's floors. Also be very cautious with your heavy boxes, coolers, etc. Do not drag them across the floor as that might leave scratches.

Doors will open at 7:30AM. The Market Manager and whoever can volunteer to come early will help set up the tables. Regular vendor set up will start at 8:00AM. The market will be open 9:00 to 1:00 PM. Tear down is 1:00 to 1:30.

Each vendor must close their table and replace it on the Legion's rolling carts before they leave. We are paying extra for janitor services so vendors will not have to stay late to help sweep and cleanup.

For the safety of our customers and respect for your neighbouring vendors, all displays must be within the confines of your chosen table space. You may keep/display additional products behind your table. You can not extend past the front edge or side edges of your table. Signage must be behind your table and not placed in a way that blocks the customer visibility of your neighbour.

As with the summer markets, the following rules apply for the Indoor Farmers Markets as well:

- 1. We are mandated to sell Boundary grown produce and handcrafted goods. Produce or handcrafted
- goods from outside the region may be allowed if the product is in demand and not available locally.
- 2. Any vendor that is selling products that they have not personally grown, must form an informal collective with their partner vendors. Vegetable producing co-op members must farm within our market area (Grand Forks and RDKB C,D, and E). No produce from outside our market area is permitted. All items displayed for sale must be clearly marked as to their farm member origin. Co-op agreements already in place for the 2025 summer season are still valid for the winter season. New co-op agreements should be submitted along with your application for the winter season.
- 3. The Market Manager will assign the layout for each market day. Vendors must stay set up until 1:00 PM.
- 4. After setting up, please park at the back or far side of the Legion parking lot to allow lots of space for our shoppers.
- 5. Each vendor is financially responsible for damages to other vendors' products. Vendors are strongly advised to purchase insurance for the protection of their personal goods and in the event that they are responsible for damage to another vendor's property.
- 6. Interior Health (IH) regulations apply to all vendors selling processed or prepared foods. A letter from IH
- must be received by the MM prior to a vendor selling processed or prepared foods at market. It is mandatory for all food vendors to have FoodSafe or MarketSafe Course (www.foodsafe.ca) and to display their certificate at their booths.
- 7. Children are the responsibility of their parents or guardians, and must not be left unattended at any time. Children under 6 years of age must be kept within the vendor's table space at all times when not accompanied by a supervising adult or older child.
- 8. Radios, music players or other sound equipment used at the market by vendors must be played with earphones only.
- 9. The GFFM prohibits the distribution of political or religious materials/ideologies.
- 10. Vendors are not permitted to display signage or advertising for other
- 11. Vendors with commercial store fronts are not allowed at the GFFM.
- 12. No illegal activity will be tolerated at the GFFM and will result in immediate expulsion without refund.

13. The Market Manager has the authority to enforce all GFFM Rules.	
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