

The 2012 Great Sidney Farmer's Market Downtown Sidney, Ohio



May - October

Operating Rules and Regulations

Hours:

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the designated months. You are required to be set up and ready for business by 8:00 a.m. No sales should be made after 12:00 p.m. Vendors will be allowed one-half hour to load and clean up after the market has closed. All vendors must supply their own equipment to be used at the market.

Displaying of Goods and Permits:

Spaces are on the brick sidewalk around the Shelby County Court Square, within the parking lines on the street. You must stay within your designated space(s). Displays shall be so designed as not to block the view of nearby spaces or create hazardous conditions to neighboring vendors or visitors to the market.

You will be required to display your Farmer's Market Permit at all times. No set up will be permitted until registration form is completed, full payment has been made, and the Market Director has issued a market permit. (Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce).

Vendor Permits:

Vendors are responsible for their own sales tax and necessary permits required by local and state government authorities. Vendors must abide by all laws set forth by all local, state and government authorities, and all laws pertaining to their sales at the market. For questions regarding permits, please call the Shelby County Auditor at (937) 498-7202. For questions regarding City of Sidney tax collection, call (937) 498-8111.

Definitions: - Demonstrations are always welcome

Producer:

A Producer shall be defined as a person who offers for sale, edible grains, fruits and/or vegetables; live plants, trees, shrubs, and perishable cut flowers; syrups and sugar, food prepared from such products, including baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. and other general farm or home garden products.

Crafter:

A Crafter shall be defined as a person utilizing creative skills and offering for sale arrangements of materials such as wearing apparel, home decorations, jewelry, toys, furniture, wood and metal works, dried flower arrangements, etc. Demonstrations are always welcome.

Artist:

An Artist shall be defined as a person utilizing specialized creative skills and offering for sale, fine art such as sculpture, paintings of acrylic, oil and assemblage, hand-built ceramics and pottery, glass blowing and stained glass, photography, framed or matted works of art, fiber works and weaving.

*Craft, Art & Music Demonstrations are always welcome.

Refuse:

Each space holder must remove all waste and refuse from their space before leaving the market. This refuse must be disposed of by the space holder and taken from the premises. If an area requires cleaning, the vendor will be billed for the cost and may be asked to forfeit their permit.

Conduct:

All vendors and their parties shall conduct themselves in a respectful and polite manner at all times. Any improper behavior will be subjected to permanent expulsion from the market.

Parking:

Parking is allowed in the space you have reserved, however this is public property, therefore, no guarantees can be made the space will be available for your use. Please be considerate of your market neighbors' parking space. Any fines for improper parking are your responsibility.

Walkways:

Walkways must be kept clear for free passage of pedestrians.

Tents/Tables:

Set-up is on the brick sidewalk within your assigned space. You cannot hammer, pound, drive or attach table legs, tents or canopy legs into the brick or light posts. Do not chip or crack the brick sidewalk, any damage is subject to fines and/or forfeit of permit.

Pets:

Vendors will not be allowed to have pets within their assigned space during market hours.

*This does not include the Shelby County Humane Society.

Market Closing:

Tune in to WMVR/Hits 105.5 for any information regarding market closing due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstance.

Other Solicitation:

No solicitation or sales will be allowed except in designated rental spaces. Vendors may put up their own business signs within their space(s) pertaining to items for sale in the market or featuring their business name. Please display your Farmer's Market Permit at all times.

The Great Sidney Farmer's Market is a service of Downtown Sidney under the umbrella of the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and is provided as a community event. If you should have any questions or comments, please contact Maureen Smelewski at the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce (937) 492-9122, or by email at office@sidneyshelbychamber.com.

Board of Health rules

The following foods are the **ONLY** foods allowed for retail sale at an Ohio farmer's market without a food license obtained from the local board of health and/or the Ohio Department of Agriculture:

- Fresh, unprocessed (meaning not processed beyond merely rough trimming and rinsing) fruits, vegetables, grains, and unshelled nuts.
- Maple syrup, honey, or sorghum sold by an exempt processor. An "exempt processor" is any maple syrup, honey, or sorghum producer where at least 75% of their packaged product is their own production.
 - All maple syrup, honey or sorghum products must be labeled with:
 1. The name and address of the business, processor or beekeeper.
 2. The name of the food product.
 3. If composed of two or more ingredients, a complete list of the ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight.
 4. The net weight or net volume of the food product.
- Commercially pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous (i.e. doesn't require refrigeration) foods contained in displays, a total space of which equals less than 100 cubic feet. **Repackaging commercially pre-packaged items (opening a bulk package of commercial noodles, cookies, dry cookie mix, or trail mix at home and placing items in smaller individual bags to be sold) is not permitted by law unless it is done at the farmer's market and a temporary food establishment license is obtained from the local board of health.**
- **ONLY** the following home-made (literally meaning "made at a residential home"), non-potentially hazardous items:
 1. Cookies, cakes, brownies, muffins, breads, doughnuts, pastries.
 2. Fruit butter, jams, jellies.
 3. Candy.
 4. Fruit pies, pecan pies, and other pies, which do not require refrigeration.These items must be labeled the same way as exempt syrup, honey, and sorghum, with the additional requirement that the label state "**This Product Is Home Produced**".

Absolutely NO home-canned foods except jams, jellies, and fruit butter can be sold at the farmer's market due to risk of Botulism poisoning. Also no vacuum packaged foods are permitted at any time.

If there is a food item not addressed above that you wish to sell at the Farmer's Market, please contact the Shelby County Health Department (937) 498-7249 or the Ohio Department of Agriculture (614) 728-6250 to see what local and/or state licensing requirements must be met. You can also view the entire Cottage Food Fact Sheet at www.shelbycountyhealthdept.org