

Main Street Delaware Farmers' Market

The Main Street Delaware Farmers' Market was created by Main Street Delaware to provide a venue in which local growers may sell locally grown produce and products directly to consumers. We rely on the honesty, integrity and courteousness of the growers/producers to provide good quality products at a fair price in a safe and attractive environment. This is for the overall benefit and satisfaction of the preservation of our downtown. The market's main function is to bring awareness to the mission and vision of Main Street Delaware, Inc. and our efforts toward revitalizing our downtown.

2012 Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations have been established in order to create a market that offers local produce and products to the consumer directly from the producer. The goodwill and consideration of growers and producers to others will ensure the smooth operation of the market. Read these rules and regulations carefully before signing your application and keep this copy for your records. Failure to observe them may result in termination of your market assignment. If you have questions regarding these rules or joining the market, call Main Street Delaware farmers' market manager, Linda Shearer at (740) 363-1185 or Main Street director, Frances Hamilton at (740) 362-6050.

- 1) Only regional growers, family members, partners, employees or members of a cooperative farming group may sell at the market. **Exceptions may be made by the market manager.**
- 2) Produce/products sold must be grown /produced by the principal grower/producer. **NO BROKERS OR RESELLERS ARE PERMITTED. *This will be enforced!*** Farms/properties may be inspected at the discretion of the market manager to ensure all products are grown by vendors.
- 3) Produce must be grown in Delaware County or in a contiguous county. **Exceptions may be made by market manager.** Requests for exceptions must be made at least 2 weeks in advance of market day.
- 4) Produce offered for sale must be grown, harvested and cared for post-harvest to assure customers receive fresh, high-quality fruits and vegetables. Produce suitable only for processing (jams, etc.) must be labeled as such.
- 5) Products and produce labeled organic must be certified according to Organic Crop Improvement Association, or the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association standards.
- 6) Crafts may be sold at the market. All items to be sold must be "home grown" or

“home made”. No exceptions. Items not permitted include animals, flea market-type items. All crafts must be juried by market manager before they will be allowed to be sold at the market. Crafts will be limited to 15% of our overall market numbers.

7) Individual producers will be responsible for adhering to product labeling regulations, registering scales, and conforming to applicable city, state, and federal laws including securing of any licenses required for the operation of your market space.

8) Vendors are encouraged to provide their own liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars. Vendors will be requested to sign a liability waiver (in this document).

9) Vendors will not be permitted to participate who have a business or store front selling the same items. **Past market vendors who do not meet that criteria may be grandfathered in at the discretion of the market manager.**

10) Refrigeration is not available. Electricity is not provided but may be arranged by the seller and willing downtown merchant.

11) All vendors selling edible products are required to follow the cottage food selling regulations from the Delaware General Health District. These requirements are available at the Farmers’ Market or at the Health Department. Your booth may be inspected by the Delaware General Health District for safe food regulation compliance. It is your responsibility to adhere to any and all regulations pertaining to your products. You may call Shannon Self at the Delaware General Health District (740) 368-1700 for more information.

12) Setup for the Saturday market will begin *no earlier than 8:30* and selling begins at 9:30 a.m. Sales end at 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Setup for the Wednesday market will begin at 2:00 p.m. Selling will begin at 3:00 and end at 6:00 p.m. If you require additional time for set-up, please inform the market manager. Early selling will not be permitted. *Please note:* If you are not at the market within 10 minutes after the market has begun, and have not notified us that you will be late, your space *may* be given to another vendor. Please call market manager prior to market day, if you know in advance that you will be late.

13) **The 2012 season will begin on May 26 and run through Saturday, October 27, 2012, weather permitting.**

14) **The Market Manager(s) is responsible for space assignments, public safety, and enforcement of the market rules.** If you have a concern or complaint regarding rules please submit your complaint to the market manager in writing and it will be reviewed with the market manager, the president of Main Street Delaware’s Board of Directors and the Executive Director. Please note that all rules are subject to change based on the overall betterment of the market and downtown Delaware.

15) Vendors may double park to unload & load. This should take no longer than 10– 15 minutes. Please use flashers and observe great caution. After unloading, please park in a remote space so nearby parking spaces are available for Market customers.

16) Market prices for all items must be visibly posted. All growers are responsible for setting their own prices. Price setting will never be allowed. If you are selling items by exact weight, you must have access to an inspected scale.

17) Operate your stand in a safe, sanitary, and neat manner. Keep sales area clear of garbage and keep produce off the ground. Sellers must clean up their spaces after each market. A broom and dust pan will be provided, if needed. Vendors must be courteous and honest at all times. Do not block the entrances of the downtown retail establishments.

18) No smoking will be permitted in the farmers' market vendor area.

19) You must pay in advance for market space or on the day of the market. CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO MAIN STREET DELAWARE, INC. If you pay weekly, you may be given a slip for the following market.

20) The Market Manager reserves the right to admit or reject any vendor for any reason not prohibited by law.

Fees for 2012: All season (23 weeks) = \$168 (covers both Saturdays and Wednesdays) or **\$10/ week** (for both Saturdays and Wednesdays). Non-profit organizations, such as Scouts are welcome to set up, at no charge, on a limited rotating basis, with advance notice.

Main Street Delaware, Inc. does not enforce the United States Dept. of Agriculture requirements. In case of U.S.D.A. inspection, the vendor is held responsible for compliance. For more information, please contact the OHIO Department of Agriculture office, @ 614-728-6200. You may also contact the Food Safety Division @ 1-800-282-1955, ext 3.

2012 FARMERS MARKET AGREEMENT

By signing this form, I agree to abide by the 2012 Farmers' Market Rules & Regulations as set forth on the previous pages. I understand I put my participation in jeopardy if I violate the rules or do not comply with the regulations.

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phones (please list cell): _____

Email address: _____

Please indicate the types of products that you will be selling at the market:

Signature of Market Vendor Date _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The undersigned agrees to release Main Street Delaware, its agents, employees, officers, volunteers and the City of Delaware, its agents, employees, officers and volunteers from any and all claims of any kind resulting from participation in the Main Street Delaware Farmers' Market.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012

Vendor _____

Main Street Delaware: Creating community through preserving and promoting our historic downtown.

Our downtown, bright with promise and potential, captures the spirit of community. It is a gathering place to work and play. Delaware is rich with opportunities in art, entertainment, business and learning. Main Street Delaware unites individuals, businesses, and local government to revitalize the historic downtown. It is a comprehensive approach that focuses on community assets and partnerships to preserve and promote historic Delaware.