Vanderbilt Community Farmers Market

2023 Market Guidelines

The mission of the Vanderbilt Community Farmers Market is to promote economic development in Vanderbilt and while providing economic growth of our local agricultural community.

1. Vanderbilt Community Farmers Market will be held weekly on Wednesday 3-7 pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 1:00pm beginning Memorial Day weekend through October.
2. All Vendors interested in participating should the Village of Vanderbilt @ 989-983-4244 or vandyclerk10@gmail.com
3. All Vendors will complete the required vendor application that includes a hold harmless clause and pay application fee prior to participating in market.
4. Vendors who wish to commit to vending for the entire season will pay an annual fee of $40.00 (this is a temporary reduction) or a daily fee of $30.00. Anyone who has a vehicle or trailer as part of their space needs approval through the Market Manager. The Market Manager will assign spaces for each vendor. The Market Manager will collect vendor fees and turn it over to the Village of Vanderbilt Treasurer for processing.
5. The Vanderbilt Community Farmers Market will be open rain or shine and will not be cancelled due to inclement weather. Both fees and other expenses sustained by the vendors are not reimbursed by the Village of Vanderbilt or the Vanderbilt Community Farmers Market for any reason, including, but not limited to, inclement weather or lack of sales.
6. The intention of the Market is to provide local farmers with a retail-marketing outlet for items grown on their own lands. The Market Manager will work to keep the balance of Farm goods and value-added goods including baked goods to be approximately 70%/30% respectively. The rules for selling in the Vanderbilt market are as follows:
7. Farmers’ retails offerings must be grown, farmed, and harvested on their own lands. Fished or foraged products are exempt from this rule but must be fished or foraged in Northern Michigan.
8. Framer’s retail offerings can be synergistic products, defined as:
9. Baked, canned, bagged, bottled, or jarred items that enhance the farmers’ market offerings. These items must be made with either products grown by farmers and or of high-quality Michigan grown products. **All items in this category must be approved in advance with the Market Manager.**
10. The Market Manager has the authority to determine when a certain product has reached capacity in the market and can reject any additional offerings of that type by any farm. The Market Manager will work with a committee if further discussion is needed on what is approved for market.
11. No CBD/marijuana products are allowed to be sold/distributed at the market. Any vendor who violates this rule will have their right to participate immediately revoked.
12. The Market Manager will assign market spaces in advance of the market and the vendor will keep the same space throughout the season.
13. Market vendors will fully comply with any federal, state, local or cottage food law regarding the sale of any item at the market and will hold the Market harmless regarding the same. All processed foods of any kind should come from a licensed facility or follow cottage food law and the vendor will provide a copy of the said license to the Market Manager prior to participating in their first market. Certified organic growers will be required to provide current certification proof. It is the responsibility of the vendor to be knowledgeable regarding Michigan Food Code and work with the Market Manager and local inspection officials in this area.
14. Each vendor will be responsible for his/her own area during the Market and for clean up at each day’s closing. All refuse must be taken disposed of properly in provided waste receptacles. Tents must have weights on all four corners for the entire duration of the Market. It is recommended to have at least 25lb weights on each leg of your tent.
15. The Market Manager along with the Village of Vanderbilt volunteer advisory committee will make final decisions on any discrepancy of interpretation of these guidelines.
16. Violations of any of these guidelines will be handled as follows: 1st – verbal warning, 2nd – written warning, 3rd – dismissal from Market and review by management prior to being allowed to participate in future years.
17. As situations present themselves, the Vanderbilt Community Farmers’ Market guidelines may be amended. In this event, vendors will be advised in writing a week prior to the emended guidelines start date.