

## Columbus Country Market

### VENDOR GUIDELINES

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*Effective June 2020*

**When:** Last Saturday of the month – From March through November.

**Time:** 9:00 am to Noon. Please do not pack up until Noon.

**Where:** East driveway of the Colorado County Courthouse.

Canopies/tables must be **set up by 8:45 a.m.** (All canopies secured by weights, not stakes.)  
Nothing can be staked into the Courthouse grounds.

**SAFETY:** Vehicles are to stay off the Courthouse lawn and must be off the driveway by 8:45 am for selling to begin at 9:00, and not return to driveway until 12:00 pm (closing).

**PRODUCE AND WARES:** Vendors must grow and produce good, high quality products, in keeping with our mission to bring wholesome food/products to our customers. Items obtained from commercial growers are discouraged.

**CLEAN UP OF THE MARKET AT CLOSING TIME:** Please deposit any garbage in the containers provided, which will be stationed at both entrances to the market.

#### **NOTES TO ALL VENDORS:**

1. Booth locations are subject to change depending on market expansion or shrinkage.
2. No live animals may be sold at the market.
3. For your protection, we encourage all vendors to familiarize themselves with the Texas Cottage Food Law and to abide by their requirements at [www.texascottagefoodlaw.com](http://www.texascottagefoodlaw.com) or call the Colorado County Extension Office at (979) 732-2082 for more information.
4. No charge for booth space. A “pass the hat” is done monthly to defray costs of the market.
5. No smoking.
6. Columbus Country Market is not responsible for product liability, fines, penalties or sales taxes for individual vendors. That is, the Columbus Country Market accepts no liability for any products sold. Any licenses/permits, etc., required to sell your products at fairs, festivals or markets are solely the vendors’ responsibility.
7. **Columbus Country Market reserves the right to change rules at any time, at which time vendors will be notified.**

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### VENDOR APPLICATION

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Thank you for your interest in Columbus Country Market.

The Market was formed in 2014 by volunteers who wanted to promote a wholesome, family activity in downtown Columbus for the benefit of all – local citizens and visitors alike. We do this in several ways; by organizing a market for various locally produced food items, handcrafts, fresh fruit and vegetable vendors, educational activities and entertainment. Of course, our emphasis is on quality products, preferably local.

All products offered for sale should meet at least one of the following criteria.

1. Locally grown, raised and/or harvested fresh/frozen vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, meats, eggs, fish.
2. Original, fine crafts produced by the vendor.
3. Locally home/farm canned food products i.e. honey, olive oil, jellies, preserves, wines, sauces, baked goods, tamales, egg rolls and other approved food/drink items.
4. Locally grown plants.
5. Locally owned businesses.
6. Members of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.
7. Local non-profit fundraising projects.

If you are uncertain your items meet the above criteria, the Vendor Committee will be happy to review your application with you. Please check with the volunteers at the information booth for a contact.

**Please print all information and sign form where indicated.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) to be sold: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understood the Country Market Guidelines and agree to abide by them.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Name of business, even if not "official", helps us and the customers identify you and give referrals.