

Columbus Country Market

VENDOR GUIDELINES

Contact: Columbus Chamber of Commerce

vendors@columbusFMtx.org • (979) 732-8385

Mailing Address: 425 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas 78934

Effective March 2023

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

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Please do not pack up until noon.

Where: Driveway east of Colorado County Courthouse.

Canopies/tables must be **set up by 8:45 a.m.** (All canopies need to be secured by weights, not stakes.)

SAFETY: Vehicles are to stay off the courthouse lawn and must be off the driveway by 8:45 a.m. for selling to begin at 9:00 a.m. and not return to the driveway until noon (closing).

PRODUCE AND WARES: 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. Booth locations are first come, first served.
3. Saving space for others is discouraged.
4. No live animals may be sold at the market.
5. 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 or call the Colorado County Extension Office at (979) 732-2082 for more information.
6. No charge for booth space. A “pass the hat” is done monthly to defray the costs of the market. A minimum of \$10 is recommended. No checks, please.
7. No smoking on the Courthouse Grounds from 7 am to 1 pm.
8. 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.
9. **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, and 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. Products from locally owned businesses.
6. Members of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.
7. Local non-profit fundraising projects.

Please mail or email the application to the above address for approval.

Please print all the information and sign the 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.