



Vendor Application Frequently Asked Questions 2026

Q: Where can I find your application materials?

A: Visit www.maplegrovefarmersmarket.com/get-involved. Apply through our online portal.

Q: When and where will the market be held?

A: The Maple Grove Farmers Market is held at the Maple Grove Community Center at 12951 Weaver Lake Rd Maple Grove MN 55369.

- **Spring indoor markets:** February 12* & 26*, March 12 & 26 and April 9 & 23; 3-6pm

*The February indoor markets will be held only if a minimum of 12 vendors participate.

- **Summer outdoor markets:** Thursdays May 7 to October 15
3-7pm May - September
3-6pm in October

- **Winter indoor markets:** November 12 & 24 and Dec 10 & 22, 3-6pm.

Q: How can I tell if my product is eligible to be sold at the market?

A: The Maple Grove Farmers Market features farmers and vendors with home-made foods and consumable items. All vendors are encouraged to source and purchase local ingredients to make their products.

Non - consumable items such as soap, candles, and personal care products may be considered if they include a product of the farm (Examples: beeswax, goat's milk, herbs).

If you are interested in selling arts and crafts, please email farmersmarket@maplegrovemn.gov for more information.

When in doubt, feel free to reach out to ask a staff member about your product's eligibility by emailing farmersmarket@maplegrovemn.gov.

Q: Are all applicants accepted?

A: Vendor selection is a competitive process. Returning vendors in good standing with the market are given first priority. Vendors are evaluated using our product eligibility guidelines, space availability at the market, and the balance of products already approved for the upcoming season. If you are a new vendor, please contact the market BEFORE you pay for licenses, insurance, or any supplies. We'll review your product offerings and let you know if we are looking for vendors in your product category.

Q: Can I participate for only part of the season?

A: Yes. As part of the application process, vendors choose the specific dates they wish to attend the market. However, applicants must participate in a minimum of three or more markets to be considered. Keep in mind that consistent, regular attendance results in better sales.

Q: What is the time commitment for vendors on market day?

A: Vendors must plan to arrive at the market between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on market day. No moving vehicles are allowed on the market lot after 2:40 p.m. Vendors may not leave the market lot until closing time, even if you sell out (7 p.m. May through September; 6 p.m. in October).

Q: How much does it cost to become a vendor?

A: First-time applicants are charged a \$25 new application fee. This fee will only be collected if you are accepted. Market fees depend on the size of stall requested. Electricity is available at \$2.00 per day.

Stall Size	Price per market day
Outdoor Market	
Small Stall 18' wide; fits one 10'x10' tent	\$21/day
Medium Stall 27' wide, fits two 10'x10' tents	\$26/day
Large Stall 36' wide, fits three 10'x10' tents	\$31/day
Food Stand/Food Truck	\$50/day
Indoor Market	\$22/day
Electrical Fee	\$2/day
New Application Fee	\$25 (applies only to newly accepted vendors)

Q: What is the application deadline?

A: Returning vendors, with completed applications, will be given priority acceptance. New vendors may complete an application anytime during the open application period and will be accepted as space allows. The application period for the spring indoor and summer outdoor market is January - May 1, 2026. The application for the winter indoor market will become available in September.

Q: When will I learn about the status of my application?

A: We will notify accepted vendors on a rolling basis after their application is complete. Applicants who have been placed on the wait or denied list will also receive an email notification of their application status.

Q: Can I save my application and return to it later?

A: The application must be completed in one session. You may not save it and come back later. You'll be able to see a list of necessary information and resources prior to beginning the application.

Q: I have been a vendor at the Maple Grove Farmers Market in the past. Is there an application renewal option?

A: Vendors who participated in the previous market season may choose the renewal feature at the beginning of the online application process. If you were not a vendor the previous year, please choose NEW Applicant.

Q: How do I pay my vendor fees?

A: Fees are not due at the time of application. After your application has been approved, you will receive an invoice along with information on how to make payment. Online payments and checks will also be accepted.

Once you receive your invoice, the following dues dates apply

- Indoor spring market – February 28
- Summer outdoor market – April 30
- Indoor winter market – October 31

Q: What is required in addition to application and fees?

A: Vendors are required to provide proof of insurance and may be required to obtain food-related licenses from Hennepin County, the MN Department of Agriculture, or MN Department of Health. Food trucks are required to display proof of annual inspection by the MN Department of Labor and Industry as well as Maple Grove Fire.

Q: Will I be able to print my completed application for my records?

A: Not immediately. If your application is approved, you'll be able to register your profile so you can go back to view your application and make any changes needed.

Q: I have never participated in a farmers market. What do I need to know?

A: We recommend that you take time to review the market's website and our Vendor Guidelines found here - <https://www.maplegrovefarmersmarket.com/get-involved>. Market staff are also available to answer your questions as you develop your farmers market business.