



Vendor Application Frequently Asked Questions 2025

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: To allow for continued expansion of the Community Center, the Maple Grove Farmers market will return to the parking lot of the Church of the Open Door located at 9060 Zanzibar Ln N Maple Grove MN 55311.

Spring indoor markets: March 13 & 27 and April 10 & 24, 3-6 p.m.

Summer outdoor markets: Thursdays May 8 to October 16

3 - 7 p.m. May - September

3 – 6 p.m. in October

Winter indoor markets: November 13 & 25 and Dec 11 & 23, 3-6p.m.

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

A: The Maple Grove Farmers Market features vendor-grown and vendor-made consumable food items. We place a strong emphasis on local farms and food made with locally sourced ingredients.

Non-consumable items such as soap, candles, and personal care products will only be considered if they include a product of the farm (tallow candles from an animal farmer).

If you are interested in selling art, crafts, jewelry and other similar items, or if you operate a food stand/food truck and want to participate, contact Market Manager Mao Lee at mlee@maplegrovern.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@maplegrovern.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 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., so vendors arriving after that time will not have vehicle access to their stalls. 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 at \$2.00 per day (not applicable for 2025 summer outdoor market).

Stall Size	3 – 13 market days	14 – 24 market days
Outdoor Market		
Small Stall Fits one 10' x 10' canopy 18' wide	\$23/day	\$20/day
Medium Stall Fits two 10' x 10' canopies 27' wide	\$28/day	\$24/day
Large Stall First 3 10' x 10' canopies 36' wide	\$36/day	\$31/day
Indoor Market	\$22/day	\$22/day

Q: What is the application deadline?

A: March and April indoor markets:

Returning vendors must complete their application by Feb 1 to receive priority consideration. New vendors may complete an application anytime during the open application period, and will only be accepted if space allows. The application for the spring indoor and summer outdoor market closes May 1.

Summer outdoor markets:

Returning vendors must complete their application by March 31 to receive priority consideration. New vendors may complete an application anytime during the open application period, and will only be accepted if space allows. The application for the spring indoor and summer outdoor market is January - May 1, 2025.

November and December indoor markets:

The application for the winter indoor market will become available in September. Returning vendors must complete their application by Oct. 1 to receive priority consideration. The application will re-open for new vendors. New vendors may complete an application anytime during the open application period, and will only be accepted if space allows. The application for the winter indoor market is September - Oct 31, 2025.

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 list or denied will also receive an email notification of their application status.

Q: How does the online application work?

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: Vendors will receive an invoice for market fees with a link to pay through our online RecTrac system. Checks and money orders will also be accepted.

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.

Fees for the indoor spring markets are due in full by February 28.

Fees for the outdoor markets are due in full by April 30.

Fees for the indoor winter markets are due in full by Oct 31.

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

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 see the details at any time. This link will also enable you to request changes to your dates of participation or product lineup, or update your contact information.

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.