



## **BIG TIMBER FARMERS MARKET POLICY** **Homegrown, Handpicked and Handmade**

**Market Hours:** Friday 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, July 12 through September 6.

**Market Location:** McLeod St at E 8th Ave, Big Timber, MT

**Market Master:** Christine Bakke (509)387-1310 [BTFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:BTFarmersMarket@gmail.com) or [Christine@BigTimber.com](mailto:Christine@BigTimber.com)

**Our mission is to provide a gathering place for local growers and artisans to offer their bounty to the community and for the community to purchase fresh local produce and handcrafts in a convivial atmosphere. Our goal is to improve access to local produce, encourage sustainable living and contribute to community. To this end, we encourage local gardeners to plant enough to feed themselves and their families and to sell to their neighbors at the Market.**

Vendors must fill out the vendor application for the season, or specific dates. Applications must be submitted at least one day before the first market day. The Market will operate according to the Farmers' Market Guidelines (Revised March 2022) published by Montana DPHHS. Vendors may read the Guidelines on the DPHHS website at

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/FCS/CottageFood/FarmersMarketGuidelines.pdf>

In an effort to have a true Farmers Market, the Market focus is on homegrown, handpicked and handmade. Home based businesses will be allowed on a limited basis. Commercial operations which support the concept of local food or provide a popular item not available locally will be considered on an individual basis. If you wish to be part of the Market but feel that these policies exclude you, please submit an application for review or call the Market Master. Exceptions can be made and everyone is encouraged to participate.

**Booth Fees** - They are rented on first-come first-serve basis.

\$15 with your own canopy

\$20 if you need one of our 9 canopies.

Spaces are assigned weekly by the Market Master. It is a goal to have Vendors occupy the same locations at each Market to improve customer recognition. Vendors may share a booth with permission from the Market Master but each Vendor must pay the booth fee.

Last minute Vendor applications will be accepted at 3:00 PM on market day and space allocated on a first come first served basis. We greatly appreciate prior notice to [Christine@BigTimber.com](mailto:Christine@BigTimber.com)

Vendors may begin setting up at 2:30 PM. All Vendors must be set up by 4:00 PM, ready to sell by opening bell at 4:30 PM and stay until closing at 7:30 PM. Space fees will be collected at 4:00 PM.

**NO SALES BEFORE THE OPENING BELL** unless cleared with the Market Master prior to sale.

Vendors provide their own tables, chairs and displays. Vendors must request a tent from the Market Master. Vendors may bring their own canopies. All canopies and market tents are used at the Vendors own risk.

Each Vendor must have a sign which clearly identifies the producer(s). Prices are determined by the grower or producer and must be clearly marked or obviously posted.

If food products are packaged, they must be labeled according to Montana DPHHS Food & Consumer Safety guidelines.

If produce is marked as Organic, proof of certification must be provided to the Market Master and made visible for buyers. Other designations such as Vegan, Gluten Free and Natural must be based on fact. **No pets** in the market area. No sales of live animals. No free puppies, kittens, etc. Dogs are not allowed in the park.

**No smoking** in the market area. **No firearms** in the market area. No firearms sales. **Civic organizations and local non-profits** may submit an application for market space for fundraising and informational purposes.

**Musicians and other entertainers** are encouraged to contact the Market Master. Musicians may accept tips, provide information about booking and upcoming performances and sell their branded merchandise in addition to payment received from the Market.

**Vendors of ready to eat food must either be licensed food vendors or have a permit for temporary food service. Contact Kaleb Pearson, Park County Environmental Health Specialist, (406) 222-4145 kpearson@parkcounty.org.**

#### **ACCEPTABLE MARKET ITEMS**

- Produce: Homegrown or handpicked fresh vegetables and herbs, fresh or dried fruits, cut flowers, wreaths, and dried flower arrangements. Fruits and vegetables may not be prepared for eating.
- Baked goods: Breads, cakes, pastries, lefse, cookies, and fruit pies. Items must not contain meat or cheese. These items must be fresh and cannot be packaged in vacuum or reduced oxygen packing.
- Jams, jellies, preserves, fruit butters, and honey.
- Dried herbs and seasonings, coffees, and teas.
- Popcorn and cotton candy.
- Fudge and homemade candies: must not require refrigeration.
- Eggs: in shells that are clean, free of cracks, and stored in clean cartons at 45 degrees or less.
- Hot coffee and tea.

#### **Foods requiring a food license/permission from sanitarian to be sold at Market**

- Salsa, pickles, salad dressings, herb-in-oil/vinegar mixtures, sauerkraut, pepper jelly.
- Meat, poultry.
- Ready to eat fruits and vegetables such as washed and bagged lettuce or cut up apples.
- Mushrooms.
- Potentially hazardous food items including fresh milk or cream, cream puffs, cream pies, pumpkin pies, custard pies, cream or pudding filled pastries, cheesecakes or cheese breads  
Handmade and handcrafted items.
- Quilts, hand sewn, knitted, crocheted, embroidered and woven items
- Jewelry
- Metalwork

- Woodwork
- Leather items
- Other items handcrafted by the Vendor using the tools of their trade.

**Send applications by USPS to PO Box 1012, Big Timber, MT 59011 or email [BTFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:BTFarmersMarket@gmail.com)**