



*Western Sustainability Exchange advances sustainable choices that enhance economic opportunities which preserve open space, wildlife habitat, farm and ranch lands, and quality of life for future generations.*

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Western Sustainability Exchange organizes and promotes the Livingston Farmers Market to:

- provide a venue for regional farmers, ranchers, and independently-owned businesses to sell produce, flowers, herbs, house plants, meat, eggs, baked goods, crafts, etc. directly to consumers
- continually grow the customer base for those products by including artisans, food purveyors, and other vendors that provide entertainment, social activities, and attractions for the entire community and visitors
- promote sustainable practices through education and incentives

## 2017 WSE's Livingston Farmers Market Regulations for Vendors

- 1) Vendors must sign in at WSE's booth BEFORE setting up, whether your space is already paid for or not.
- 2) Please be set up and ready to sell by 4:30pm and stay until the market closes at 7:30pm before breaking down.
- 3) Keep products within the bounds of your allotted space (6 foot booths should not be more than 6 feet wide).
- 4) All vendors must have a booth. Anything you sell, hand out, or display must be pre-approved by WSE and written on your registration form. You can add items to your form mid-season with WSE's approval.
- 5) Vendors must provide and set up their own tables, shelter, chairs, change, bags, signs, scales, etc.
- 6) Vendors determine their own prices and should bring lots of change. The Market Manager does not have change.
- 7) Vendors must clean up the area around their booth of any trash, debris, or rocks (brought to hold stuff down) before leaving.
- 8) Vendors may not set up before 2:00 pm or before they sign in.
- 9) Vendors may not sell or set aside products before the market opens at 4:30 pm (except to other vendors).
- 10) The market is held rain or shine, and fees are non-refundable once the market opens. It is up to each vendor to decide whether to stay or leave during inclement weather.
- 11) PARKING: no vendor parking in the first row of the parking lot along the grass. This is reserved for customers.
- 12) No sale, giving away or display of animals, hard liquor, weapons, ammunition, fireworks, or balloons.
- 13) No sale of used items unless it is repurposed into something else (like chimes made from forks or curated items)
- 14) No campaigning or promotion of any political or religious views is permitted. Advocacy of any kind, even surveys, is strictly prohibited. WSE is the final authority on what qualifies as advocacy.
- 15) No dogs allowed in Miles Bandshell Park during market hours per city ordinance (except certified service dogs)
- 16) The Livingston Farmers Market is a tobacco-free and firearm-free zone. Please refrain from using any tobacco or carrying any firearms during the market.
- 17) Any product not grown or produced in Montana must have a sign stating where it was grown/produced.
- 18) All vendors selling food must read and agree to abide by the "Farmers Market Act" information provided by the Park County Health Department and WSE's Food Vendor Regulations. Please call the Park County Environmental Health Specialist at (406) 222-4142 ext. 2 for more information.
- 19) BAKED GOODS: Due to increased concerns about allergies, you must list **all** ingredients used on your registration form and **either** provide an ingredient list on individual products **or** on signage at your booth.
- 20) Commercial bakeries and caterers must provide a current copy of their Food Purveyor's License.
- 21) Prepared-food vendors are required to use low-impact takeout ware, cutlery, napkins, etc. Use of polystyrene (Styrofoam™) is strictly prohibited. Please call WSE if you need info on affordable low-impact takeout ware.
- 22) Prepared-food vendors or other high-risk vendors are also required to provide a certificate of liability insurance naming both the City of Livingston and Western Sustainability Exchange as additional insureds. Please see food regulations for more info.
- 23) Vendors are expected to treat the public, other vendors, and WSE's staff and volunteers with courtesy.
- 24) WSE has a "3 strikes, you're out" policy for anyone who doesn't follow the above rules.

**WSE reserves the right to change these rules and regulations at any time.** WSE reserves the right to inspect farms & gardens to ensure that the products sold at the market are locally grown if so claimed and to verify any claims made by vendors. WSE has authority over vendor eligibility and what may or may not be sold at the market. **WSE reserves the right to refuse vendors admission into the farmers market for any reason, including receiving complaints about the vendor from the public or other vendors or infractions of our rules.**

Preference is given to independently-owned, regional businesses that sell regionally grown/made/produced goods. WSE reserves an area exclusively for farm and ranch product vendors. Set up in this area is optional. WSE determines what is considered regional. WSE encourages vendors to display signage stating if they sell locally and/or sustainably made or grown products.

Reserved spaces are assigned for the season and may be carried over to the next season. Payment in the amount specified in the registration form must accompany application. Reserved season rates are available at any time and will be prorated from the date of sign-up. WSE assigns non-reserved spaces on a first-come, first-served basis. The Market Manager has the final word in all disputes over space.

**Please be prepared to share sales data with WSE. This information is kept strictly confidential.** WSE gets much of its funding based on the success of its programs. Providing your sales data helps WSE obtain the funding required to keep the Livingston Farmers Market going. Also, the Montana Department of Agriculture requests an aggregate of this information, but no individual information is given out! The data is used to promote the value of farmers markets locally and statewide. Forms and online surveys will be provided to capture data, and there will be a 5% booth discount for the following season to vendors who provide us with this information.

We encourage vendors selling **fresh produce, herbs, or plain honey** grown in Montana to participate in the **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**. Vendors selling Montana grown fruits and vegetables may also participate in the **WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) program**. **If you accept WIC or SFMNP checks or coupons without signing up first, you will not be reimbursed!** **WSE will also stop reimbursing SFMNP coupons at 7:30pm on the day of the market. Any remaining receipts will be reimbursed at the following market.**

**City ordinance: dogs are not allowed at the Miles Band Shell Park from 1-9 pm on farmers market days unless they are certified service animals. Refer any questions to City of Livingston Animal Control Officer Judy at 223-2197.**

WSE is not responsible for any theft or damage. Should you need to leave your area, you may ask a neighboring vendor to watch your booth for a short time. We suggest you keep your money on or near you at all times.

WSE works hard to "grow" the market to increase your sales. We also continue to foster the sense of community that has developed around the farmers market. To that end, WSE invites comments and suggestions but asks that they promote success for the whole vendor community.

WSE's Livingston Farmers Market will be held each Wednesday in Miles Band Shell Park (next to the Civic Center) from May 31st through September 20th, 2016 (17 weeks). Formal selling hours are 4:30 to 7:30 pm, and set up is from 2:00-4:15 pm. You must be ready to sell by 4:30. WSE-Certified Producers will receive a 15% discount on booth rental. **You can receive a 5% discount on next year's fees if you report your season-end sales data to WSE.**

**RATES PER WEEK\*** (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE - RATES DO NOT APPLY TO THE HOLIDAY FARMERS MARKET)

	Montana Grown or Hand Crafted	WSE-Certified Producers	Out of State or Resale	NonProfit
Youth Booth (YES) 5' wide	\$2.50 (Proceeds will be donated to a youth-selected nonprofit)			
up to 6' wide	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$6.00
7' to 12' wide	\$22.00	\$19.00	\$28.00	\$11.00
13' to 24' wide x 12' deep	\$40.00	\$34.00	\$50.00	\$20.00
Amusement (inflatables, etc.)	\$52.00			

**RESERVED SEASON RATES\*** (DOES NOT INCLUDE THE HOLIDAY FARMERS MARKET)

	Montana Grown or Hand Crafted	MT Grown Farmers/Ranchers	WSE-Certified Producers	Out of State or Resale	NonProfit
up to 6' wide	\$196.00	\$184.00	\$167.00	\$245.00	\$98.00
7' to 12' wide	\$359.00	\$338.00	\$305.00	\$449.00	\$180.00
13' to 24' wide x 12' deep	\$646.00	\$608.00	\$549.00	\$815.00	\$323.00

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**We're working to grow for you!**