



Shields Valley Farmers Market 2025 MARKET REGULATIONS



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Our Mission

To provide a venue for Shields Valley and Montana farmers, ranchers and independently-owned businesses to sell produce, flowers, herbs, house plants, meat, eggs, and baked products by including artisans, food purveyors, and other vendors that provide entertainment, social activities, and attractions for the community and visitors.

All vendors must sign in at the SVFM booth **BEFORE** setting up.

1. Shields Valley Farmers Markets is open to the public Monday evenings from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. **Dates are listed on our website and Vendor application.** Setup may begin as early as 3:00 PM with all vendors ready to sell promptly at 4:30 through 7:00 except at the discretion of the Market Site Manager. Closing early makes it difficult for other vendors and is disappointing to customers who expect the market to be open until 7:00.
2. There is no vendor fee this year. (Our generous community sponsors make this possible.) Please keep all booth items (product, tables, structures, etc.) within no more than a 12' x 12' booth space.
3. Selling items must be pre-approved by SVFM as described on the registration form. If new types of products are added, a new registration form (available from the Site Manager) must be filled out and turned in prior to booth setup.
4. Any vendors selling baked goods must have ingredient statements for each product easily visible to accommodate people with allergies or food sensitivities. All products must be packaged and have labels that comply with State of Montana packaging regulations.
5. Vendors provide their own tables, shelter, chairs, change, bags, signs, scales, etc. SVFM provides only ground space. Vendors are responsible for the items they bring and should be prepared for weather. We highly recommend weights for tents such as sandbags, water jugs etc. to help if winds are present.
6. Vendors determine their own prices.
7. Vendors are responsible for cleaning up the area around their booth. This includes, but is not limited to, trash, debris, rocks (including any brought to the market to weight shelters/structures), etc.
8. Vendors may not set up before 3:00 PM or before they sign in with SVFM Site Manager at the market booth.
9. Vendors may not sell before 4:30 (except to other vendors).
10. No sale of real guns or ammunition allowed. No sale of used items is allowed unless they are a reclaimed/repurposed part of a new product or otherwise approved by the SVFM Steering Committee.
11. No campaigning or promotion of any political or religious view is permitted during the market. Advocacy of any kind, even surveys, is strictly prohibited.
12. Owners of nuisance animals, including dogs, will be asked to remove said animals from the premises.
13. The SVFM is a tobacco-free zone. No smoking is allowed.
14. The Community Garden table will be set up each week if interested home gardeners reach out no less than 48 hours prior to said Market. Seller must sign up as a Vendor with SVFM and is required to bring necessary equipment (i.e change, etc.) to sell to Market attendees.