

Bellaire Family Farmers Market  
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## Vendor Categories

### 1. **Organic Farmers:**

- Vendors who grow fruits and vegetables using organic farming practices or sell organically-fed, hormone-free meat, dairy, and poultry products. Vendors must hold an organic certification or accreditation.

### 2. **Farmers & Producers:**

- Vendors who provide fresh produce, meats, dairy, poultry, eggs, and prepared foods such as breads and canned goods.

### 3. **Cottage Foods:**

- Vendors who provide prepared ready to eat foods such as sandwiches, pastries, drinks, and pre-made meals.

### 4. **Artisans:**

- Vendors creating handmade crafts, jewelry, ceramics, woodworking projects, and custom or heavily altered clothing.

### 5. **Miscellaneous Vendors:**

- This category is reserved for unique vendors offering goods or services that enhance the market's diversity, such as organic skincare products, sports memorabilia, or antique furniture. Approval is at the discretion of the Market Manager.

### 6. **Marketing Vendors:**

- Local businesses offering services (e.g., landscaping, home repair) are welcome to apply. Pricing is case-by-case and determined by the Market Manager. Spots will be limited to 1 or 2 per week.
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## Fees & Rentals

Booth Rental fees are based on a per week basis

Options to pay yearly decreases booth rental fee by 5% and removes one time activation fee.

- **Organic Farmers: \$20**

- **Farmers & Producers:** \$30
- **Cottage Foods:** \$35-\$50 (depending on prices and inventory)
- **Artisans:** \$45
- **Miscellaneous Vendors:** \$65
- **Second Tent:** 50% off the original rental fee.

### **Application Fees:**

- \$20 application fee (may be waived in specific situations).
- \$75 one-time activation fee (no annual membership).

Payments can be made by credit cards or checks

(if payment is invalid vendors may pay in cash day of or will be refused a booth spot)

### **Vendor Rules & Guidelines**

#### **General Rules:**

1. Vendors must provide a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit.
2. Food vendors must provide valid health department permits and or comply with Texas Cottage Food Law.
3. Vendors must provide proof of liability insurance (\$1,000,000 coverage minimum).
4. Vendors must pay all local and federal taxes for items sold at the market.
5. Vendors may only sell items listed in their approved application.
6. Vendors must pay booth rental fee prior to market
7. Vendors are prohibited from bringing live animals.
8. Vendors must maintain a professional demeanor and may not disparage the market or its organizers.

#### **Operational Rules:**

1. Vendors must set up between 8:15 AM and 9:00 AM and stay for the entire market (or until 90% of inventory is sold).
2. Booth size: 10x10 area under a straight-leg tent.
3. Power sources are not provided. Vendors may use personal battery units (under 20 kWh capacity).
4. Vendors may not use propane tanks unless given explicit approval by the market manager.

5. All tents must be secured with proper weights (minimum 30 lbs per leg).

**Market Conduct:**

1. Vendors are expected to maintain a clean booth and remove all trash before leaving.
2. Roaming sales are strictly prohibited.
3. Vendors must be courteous and cooperative with customers and fellow vendors.

**Fee Policies:**

1. Vendors absent without one week's notice will be charged the full booth fee.
  2. Three-strike policy: Vendors violating rules will receive one verbal warning before receiving strikes. Three strikes within a year will result in a one-year suspension.
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**Health & Safety Requirements**

1. Vendors selling food must comply with all Federal, State, and Harris County health regulations. Random inspections may occur.
2. Cottage Food Law vendors must include the following label:  
*"This product is not inspected by the State of Texas or local health department."*
3. Vendors must familiarize themselves with and follow market safety protocols, including fire and emergency plans.

**Tent & Weather Safety:**

- All tents must be properly secured with weights to prevent accidents. Vendors will be held liable for damages caused by unsecured tents.
- On windy days, the Market Manager reserves the right to suspend the market over safety concerns.

**Traffic Rules:**

- Vendors must drive no faster than 5 mph within the parking area.
- Vendors must park in designated vendor parking lots.

**Notice to Vendors:**

All vendors participating in the market are required to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Failure to adhere to these laws will result in the immediate removal of the vendor from the market and the revocation of their permit to operate within the market.

Additionally, vendors acknowledge that violating any of the market's established rules will result in a system of strikes. However, the Market Manager reserves the right to ban a vendor after a single offence if the violation is deemed an egregious offense; including but not limited to, a physical altercation or the sale of illegal item or substance.

By participating in the market, vendors agree to these terms along with the terms of the hold harmless agreement and accept the consequences of any non-compliance or violations.

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The Bellaire Family Farmers Market is dedicated to creating a vibrant community space that supports local farmers, artisans, and small businesses. Our mission is to provide fresh, high-quality, and locally-produced goods while fostering meaningful connections between vendors and the greater Bellaire-Meyerland community. Our curated selection of vendors spans a variety of categories to ensure a diverse and enjoyable experience for all attendees.