



Get Ready for the 2012 Season of the Callaway Gardens Farmers Market!

Callaway Gardens Farmers Market 2012 season will take place every Friday from May 4 - October 5, 2012.

The farmers market features regional growers and vendors who sell natural products, including vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat, cheeses, flowers, herbs, baked goods, and healthy snacks, as well as artisans and vendors with unique offerings. Demonstrations and kids activities ensure a fun and interactive learning environment.

Whether you are ready to apply to be a vendor or performer at the Callaway Gardens Farmers Market or have general questions first, you'll find everything you need to get started right here.

Applications

Applications for the 2012 season are available online now.

How do I become a vendor?

Anyone wishing to become a vendor must submit a completed application to the Callaway Gardens Farmers Market Coordinator and be selected through an approval process. To ensure a wide variety of goods at the market, the number of vendors in each product category will be limited.

How regional are your market vendors?

The Callaway Gardens Farmers Market gives preference to vendors within a 150-mile radius. Local farmers and products receive priority. The market strives to work with local small business owners and entrepreneurs in the area.

How big is the booth space?

All booths are 10' X 10' spaces. Vendors can rent multiples spaces (if available). Spaces are assigned by the Farmers Market Coordinator and may vary in location each week.

How much is the fee to participate?

Booth fees

The fee for each 10' X 10' spaces is:

Full season (23 weeks) rate of \$400 per booth

Half season (12 weeks) rate of \$225 per booth

Farmer's Season (1-5) - produce vendors only rate of \$50 per booth

Farmer's Season 1: May 4 to June 1

Farmer's Season 2: June 8 to July 6

Farmer's Season 3: July 13 to Aug 10

Farmer's Season 4: Aug 17 to Sept 14

Farmer's Season 5: Sept 21 to Oct 5

Attendance Deposit

The market requires a \$100 deposit, from every vendor to ensure consistent attendance. The deposit will be returned in full within 30 days of the close of the Market provided the vendor participates in 80% of the selected Market season. If your application is not accepted, the deposit will be returned in full.

Is there access to electricity at the Farmers Market?

All vendors needing electricity must receive prior approval from the Farmers Market Coordinator.

Do I need insurance?

Each vendor must have appropriate liability and product liability insurance.

What kind of licenses/permits do I need?

It is the responsibility of the vendor to obtain and provide to the Farmers Market Coordinator copies of all licenses and permits required for the sale of the vendor's products at the Farmers Market in addition to the basic application.

Questions/concerns regarding food product regulations and/or licensing should be directed to the Harris County Health Department.

To ensure public safety, food (bread, prepared food, pies, etc.) must be completely protected from contamination by being wrapped, covered, bagged, and/or boxed. To protect the public, labels need to be available listing all ingredients used in food products. Label must also include name and address of person(s) preparing the food and common name of food. All local and state health permits must be acquired two weeks prior to the event. For more information on health permits, call HCHD at 706.628.5780.

What happens if I don't get accepted after submitting an application?

Your money will be returned in full. Applicants are welcome to reapply for the 2012 season.

When will I find out if I got accepted?

Accepted applicants will be notified of acceptance within two weeks of application submission via email and phone. If you have questions about your application status, please contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at farmersmarketinfo@callawaygardens.com or 706.663.5055.

How are non-profits able to participate?

If your organization is interested in participating, please contact us for more information.

How are corporations & businesses able to participate?

We welcome requests for sponsorship opportunities from businesses and organizations. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please the Market Coordinator.