

# Farmers Market 2024

## Operating Guidelines and Rules



Each Vendor is responsible for all certificates and licenses needed and must be able to provide them if requested. Please review the information, initial next to each item, and sign below.

### Market Location, Dates and Times:

- A. Location: Rainbow Blossom St. Matthews Market (front parking lot), 3738 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY.
- B. Dates/Time: Sundays, 12-4 PM
- C. Season: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 – November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024
- D. Special Markets:
- Market Celebration: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Halloween Trick or Treat Market: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Holiday/Final Market: November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Vendor Information:

- A. Membership: Membership is by invitation only. Rainbow Blossom reserves the right to refuse membership to any Vendor.
- B. Requirements: Vendors are responsible for complying with all state and local laws, regulations and requirements, as well as those stated in this document. The KY Dept of Agriculture has many resources.
- C. We reserve the right to visit your farm or production facility at any time.

### Market Rules:

- A. All items sold at the Farmers Market must be locally grown. Locally produced items are defined as being produced in Kentucky or Southern Indiana. **No commercial produce is allowed. GMO produce is not allowed.** We encourage you to promote your sustainable and organic growing methods on your table and to your customers.
- B. Sellable items include fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat, plants, flowers, baked goods, jams/jellies, soaps, pottery, and other handcrafts.

### Rules for Musicians:

- A. No amplified music is allowed at the market.
- B. Any music performed needs to be family friendly, non-denominational and non-political. Rainbow Blossom reserves the right to ask you to stop performing at any time.
- C. Only one musician will be scheduled each week.
- D. Musicians will not be charged any no show fees. But please let the Market Manager know if you will not be able to attend, so that another musician can fill in.



**Etiquette:**



A. Assigned booth space will be given to weekly Vendors (those who commit to be at Market **rain or shine every week** during the season.) All other spaces are available on a first come, first served basis until the Market is at capacity.

B. If a weekly Vendor cannot attend, they must notify Farmers Market Manager Kat Suttles at [Kat.Suttles@RainbowBlossom.com](mailto:Kat.Suttles@RainbowBlossom.com) or the on-duty Market Manager inside the store at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to notify the market manager will result in a **\$20 no-show charge**.

C. You will receive a weekly e-mail with your assigned space for the week. Space assignments may change from week to week depending on attendance and other factors. We cannot always accommodate placement requests but will try.

D. If a weekly Vendor cannot attend, their space may be assigned to another Vendor for the week.

E. Only the parking spaces in front and side of Rainbow Blossom's property are available for booth set up. The back parking lot is for customer use only.

F. Absences without notice will result in \$20 fee and may result in termination from the Market. Arriving more than 15 minutes late or leaving more than 15 minutes early will result in a \$20 fee.

G. All vehicles should remain in place from the time the market begins until it ends. Failure to abide by this rule could result in the loss of a reserved spot.

H. We encourage a supportive environment and discourage undercutting and extreme competitive pricing and behavior.

I. Vendors are responsible for their own clean-up and trash.

J. Smoking is not permitted near the Market. Please walk around the building to smoke.

K. Weapons of any sort are not permitted on Rainbow Blossom property.

**Other Information:**



A. No electrical outlets are available for Vendor use.

B. If you are sampling your product, you must have appropriate sampling permits visible on your table.

C. Vendors may accept credit/debit cards and Food Stamps (EBT) through Rainbow Blossom, with same-day redemption. Each Vendor will be provided with an invoice book at the beginning of the season and are responsible for bringing it with them each week.

D. Rainbow Blossom employees and managers are not responsible for accidents occurring on the premises. The Vendor will not hold Rainbow Blossom responsible or liable for any damage or loss incurred at the Market.

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E. The Vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Rainbow Blossom against any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, costs and legal fees caused by, arising out of, or resulting from any negligent act or omission of the Vendor in the performance and/or failure to perform within the regulations, including the negligent acts or omission of any Vendor or any direct or indirect employees of the Vendor or producer.

F. Rainbow Blossom has the right to make changes in the Market operations at any time during the year.

**I have read and understand these operating guidelines and rules, and I agree to abide by them.**

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*Vendor's Signature*

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*Date*

Please sign and return to: [Kat.Suttles@Rainbowblossom.com](mailto:Kat.Suttles@Rainbowblossom.com), fax 502-498-2361, Rainbow Blossom, Attn: Kat Suttles, 3738 Lexington Rd. Louisville, KY 40207

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Farmers Market Vendor Information

Farm/Business \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Online presence (website, Facebook, Twitter, blog, etc.) \*\*Please list full addresses

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Please list products intended for sale

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How frequent will you be at market?

Weekly  Seasonally (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Bi-weekly  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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fax to 502-498-2361.