



# Piqua Community Farmers Market Rules & Guidelines

The Piqua Community Farmers Market was created by Mainstreet Piqua to sell locally grown produce and products directly to consumers.

## Rules and Regulations

The following rules have been established in order to create a market that offers local produce and products to the consumer directly from the producer. Read the Rules and Guidelines and keep this copy for your records. Failure to observe these rules may result in the termination of your market assignment.

If you have any questions regarding these rules or joining the market **contact Lorna Swisher, 937-773-9355.** Email us at [Lorna@mainstreetpiqua.org](mailto:Lorna@mainstreetpiqua.org)

Only regional farmers, family members, partners and employees may sell at the market.

Produce/products sold must be grown/produced by the principal farmer/producer. *The market reserves the right to inspect and to spot visit any farm or establishment throughout the season.*

**You may supplement your produce by no more than 25% with produce from additional producers. All produce that is supplemental must be labeled with the name and address of the person who grew it (or made the product) and displayed on the vendor's table.**

**FARMERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PURCHASING PRODUCE FROM AN AUCTION OR A WHOLESALER FOR RESALE AT THE MARKET.**

Produce that is not in-season in Ohio may be brought to the market until such item is readily available in the region. (For example: Single producer tomatoes may be sold at the Piqua Community Farmers Market until approx. July 1 – at which time that item is in-season in the Piqua, Ohio area)

Products and produce labeled organic must be certified according to the U.S.D.A. (United States Department of Agriculture)

The following non-edible items may be sold at the Farmers Market: flowers, plants, dried flowers, dried plant arrangements, gourds, beeswax, beeswax products, wool fiber, wool fiber products and soaps/ lotions. **All materials must be found, grown, foraged and/or produced by the producer on his or her farm or land or clearly labeled with the producer's name, address etc.** Other items can be considered at the discretion of the market manager and approval given *prior to the market day.*

Individual producers will be responsible for adhering to product labeling regulations, registering scales, and conforming to applicable city, state, and federal laws including the securing of any licenses required for the operation of your market space.

## Rules Of Operation

The market will be held on Thursdays and will start sales at 3 p.m and close sales at 6 p.m. The market will run Thursday, May 25, 2023 through September 28, 2023. Market runs RAIN OR SHINE.

The market manager is responsible for space assignments, public safety and enforcement of the market rules. Farmers should be set-up and ready to sell by 3 p.m. If you plan to leave early, you will need to park your vehicle outside the market area.

Once your vehicle is parked in place, the motor must be turned off and kept off.

**Market prices for all items must be clearly posted.**

Operate your stand in a safe, sanitary and neat manner. Keep sales area (including ground) clear of garbage. REMOVE ALL OF YOUR GARBAGE FROM THE AREA WHEN YOU LEAVE EACH THURSDAY. If you are offering samples and handing out napkins, plates, cups etc. please provide a trash can for your customers.

All vendors must register with Piqua Community Farmers Market. You will not be allowed to set up at the Market until your registration has been approved. Submitting an application does not automatically mean you are approved for the market. *You will receive notification of your acceptance from Mainstreet Piqua.*

**PAYMENT:** A discount is given for those vendors who pay in advance for the full year. Discount price is \$80.00 for 19 Thursdays. Weekly booth rental rate is \$8.00 collected on the day of the market by the market manager or his/her designee.

A standard booth is considered 10' by 10'.

Assignments will be based on available market space, the need for a specific product, and the number of spaces you require. **Priority is given to full-season produce vendors.** Vendors must contact the market manager if they are not going to be present on a Thursday. Failure to do so may result in reassignment to another space.

Vendors must comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, State of Ohio, and Miami County, Ohio.

**Mainstreet Piqua thanks you for your participation in our Farmers Market. Please call Lorna Swisher, Farmers Market Manager, 937-773-9355 with questions or to register. [Lorna@mainstreetpiqua.org](mailto:Lorna@mainstreetpiqua.org)**

**The Piqua Community Farmers Market reserves the right to admit or reject any vendor for any reason not prohibited by law.**

MAINSTREET PIQUA, INC. DOES NOT ENFORCE THE UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE REQUIREMENTS. IN CASE OF U.S.D.A. INSPECTION, THE VENDOR IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE.

The Piqua Community Farmers Market is under the jurisdiction of the Miami County Health Department. If you have any questions about the products you are bringing to the market, please check with the Miami County Health Department prior to attending the market. They can be found in the Hobart Center for Community Government, 510 W. Water Street, Troy, OH 45373. Miami County Health Department 937-573-3500.