

Gaffney Station Farmers Market 2018 Operational Guidelines

The Gaffney Station Farmers Market is located at 210 W. Frederick Street (in the parking lot of the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery). Beginning May 5, 2018 on Saturday mornings from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon. Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (3 pm-6 pm) openings will be added beginning June 5th.

No sales are allowed except on the days and times designated above. No sales will be allowed prior to or after the designated times. **Vendors may set up no earlier than thirty minutes prior to market time.**

The market is open to Cherokee County producers and non-commercial growers with farms and gardens located within thirty miles of Downtown Gaffney. Vendor Permits can be obtained at the City of Gaffney Visitors Center located at 210 W. Frederick Street. No resale of previously purchased items will be allowed. Selling of items produced by others and allowing others to sell under your permit is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

All vendors must display the permit issued by the City of Gaffney during times of operation. The City will provide umbrellas that will be in place for vendors to use. Vendors must also supply their own tables and may bring their own tents.

Vendor fees are \$5.00 per space, per day for Tuesday and Thursday sales, \$10.00 per space per day for Saturday sales, and \$30.00 per space, per season for Cherokee County residents and \$50.00 for non-residents, payable at the City of Gaffney. Vendors must pay for the permit in advance. Vendors may register and pre-pay for the entire season beginning Tuesday, March 27th, 2018. Vendors may purchase day passes beginning Tuesday, March 27th, 2018. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In addition, all Certified Vendors selling produce must make application to become Certified SC Grown through the SC Department of Agriculture. Applications can be filled out and mailed from the City of Gaffney Visitors Center at the time permits are obtained.

Any vendor who sells produce, plants or artisan crafts, and currently operating a business in the corporate limits of the City of Gaffney, and who has a valid business licensed, issued by the City of Gaffney, may reserve one space at no cost.

Acceptable sale items: Fresh fruits, vegetables and melons, other raw agricultural products including Christmas trees, firewood, flowers, honey, potted plants, shrubs, eggs, fresh meats, and ornamentals that comply with the guidelines of SCDHEC, SCDA and/or USDA, as well as handmade or homemade artisan craft items that meet the Gaffney Station Farmer's Market guidelines.

Unacceptable sale items: Live animals, baked goods, homemade cheeses, or home-canned goods that do not comply with the guidelines of SCDHEC and/or SCDA, or any flea market-type or yard sale-type items. Vendors should have copies of appropriate documentation with them at all times, while selling at the market. All produce or plants sold should be grown by the individual whose name appears on the Grower's Certificate, or someone representing that person. Such a representative of a Certified Vendor must be approved, in advance, by the City of Gaffney. Farm/ garden sites will be visited.

Each vendor is responsible for leaving his or her space clean at the end of each day. Vendors must practice proper sanitation procedures at all times.

For the benefit of all, vendors are requested to abide by the above guidelines. Any problems that arise shall be referred to the market manager at the City of Gaffney Visitors Center. Those not abiding by these guidelines will be requested to leave the premises and/or forfeit his or her Market Permit.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Gaffney Station Farmers Market operational guidelines. I further understand that I cannot legally sell any food products which are produced off-site, and which have not been labeled, processed and prepared in compliance with the SC Food and Cosmetic Act or other appropriate regulations.

****Please list all person(s) living with Vendor or employed by Vendor who will be selling items produced by this Vendor (attach copy of photo ID for all persons listed below):

Name:

Relation:

Vendor Signature: _____

Vendor Printed Name: _____

Vendor Address: _____

Vendor Phone: (_____) _____ Vendor E-mail: _____

Date: _____

WIC Vouchers Accepted: _____

Certified SC Grown: _____

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