

Gaffney Station Farmers Market

2023 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). Weekday market is from 3pm until 6pm and Saturday market is established seasonally. No sales will be allowed prior to the above designated times. **Vendors may set up no earlier than thirty minutes prior to market time.** The 2023 Market schedule is as follows:

Spring Market

April and May

Summer Market

June, July, and August

Fall Market

September, October, and November

The market is open to producers, non-producers, and non-commercial growers. Vendor Permits can be obtained at the Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery located at 210 W. Frederick Street. Selling of items produced by others requires a special non-producer permit and seller must provide signage stating origin of product. 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.

For the purpose of the Gaffney Station Farmers Market, the following are definitions as is intended for market guidelines:

- VENDOR:** A producer, non-producer, grower, artist, or artisan who has obtained a permit to sale at the Gaffney Station Farmers Market.
- PRODUCER:** A person or company that makes, grows, or supplies goods or commodities.
- NON-PRODUCER:** A person or company that did not grow the produce they are selling.
- GROWER:** One who grows, raises, or produces; a cultivator or producer
- ARTIST:** A person who creates any visual art product.
- ARTISAN:** A skilled craft worker who makes or creates things by hand.
- HANDICRAFT:** A variety of work where useful and decorative items are made completely by one's hands and/or creation. The end product must be uniquely created by the craftsman or artisan.
- SPACE:** One marked parking space.

The City will provide a limited number of tents for vendors to use. A tent rental agreement must be completed. Vendors must also supply their own tables and may bring their own tents. All tents are required to have 30lb weights on 2 opposing corners.

Vendor Fees for Cherokee County Residents:

- \$5 per space, per day for Tuesday and Thursday sales.
- \$10 per space per day for Saturday sales.
- Spring Market \$15 Producers - \$30 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)
- Summer Market \$30 Producers - \$40 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)
- Fall Market \$15 Producers - \$25 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)
- Season Pass (April-October) \$30 Producers - \$100 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)

Vendor Fees for Non-Cherokee County Residents:

- \$10 per space, per day for Tuesday and Thursday sales.
- \$20 per space per day for Saturday sales.
- Spring Market \$30 Producers - \$60 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)
- Summer Market \$60 Producers - \$80 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)
- Fall Market \$30 Producers - \$50 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)
- Season Pass (April-October) \$60 Producers - \$200 Non-Producers (Specialty Permit)

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.

Sale Items

Acceptable: 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 artisanal handicraft or handmade artisan craft items.

Unacceptable: Live animals, baked goods, homemade cheeses, or home-canned goods that do not comply with the guidelines of SCDHEC and/or SCDA. For non-agricultural products: Any flea market-type or yard sale-type items, t-shirts, monogrammed items that maintain original product use (examples: cups, mugs, keychains, jewelry, etc.) or any item that is not defined above as a handicraft.

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 unless a non-producer permit has been issued. 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.

****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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