

**Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market
2024 Guidelines and Registration**



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The Farmers Market is held every Friday morning beginning June 7 through October 4, 2024. Set up time is between 6:30 and 7:45 am ONLY. No one will be allowed to set up after 8:00 am for safety reasons. Market hours are 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. No vendor breakdown will be allowed until noon. The market will be held rain or shine.

All spaces are on a first come first serve basis. The cost is \$25.00 per space. If you would like to prepay for the season, the discounted amount is \$320.00. This will give you a reserved space for the entire season (18 weeks). Reserved spaces must be paid in full by May 1, 2024. If you are not here and set up by 7:45 am, the Market Master has the right to assign your spot to another vendor.

A courtesy call would be appreciated if you are unable to attend so we can let your customers know you will not be here on that day. Sorry--no refunds will be given.

1. All vendors must be respectful of other vendors, customers, market master, chamber staff and volunteers at all times.
2. All items sold must be farm grown or locally grown food products [fruits, vegetables, flowers, eggs, meat, fish, cheese, etc.] No live animals of any kind will be sold. Some handmade items may be offered only if produce is the focal point of your booth. Crafts are not allowed [the ERACC sponsors Arts & Crafts shows on May 25, July 13, August 2 and August 31, 2024].
3. Produce, flowers, plants, etc. must be home grown, not brought from other sources. **Majority of products sold must come from your own farm or kitchen.** Products not grown locally on your property should be identified with farm and county origin. Market Master/chamber staff may choose to visit your farm or kitchen for verification.
4. All vendors are responsible for appropriate permitting for their products. It is your responsibility to have the correct licenses as determined by the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.
5. The Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any licensed applications on the merits of items being sold. All licenses must be on file with the chamber office and be shown upon request.
6. The Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Board shall make the final decisions on any interpretation of the guidelines.
7. The Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Board will not be responsible for accidents, thefts, or damages to any vendor's products or equipment.
8. Each vendor will be responsible for his/her own area and for clean-up at closing. All refuse must be taken with the vendor.
9. **This is a smoke-free environment. Smoking is not allowed.** Violations shall constitute a warning. Second warning shall constitute not being permitted back into the market.
10. For the health and safety of vendors and customers no pets will be allowed in the market.

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- 11. All vendors are responsible for providing their own tents, tables, chairs, signage, etc.
- 12. Parking behind tables on grass shall be limited to one vehicle or one vehicle with trailer. (Size of trailer to be determined by the Market Master.) No vendor shall set up in front of another vendor. The size of your display space is 10 ft. wide. Your set up location is to be contiguous with your vehicle.
- 13. All vendors must register with the Market Master.
- 14. You must reside permanently in one of the following counties to participate in the Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Otsego and Wexford.
- 15. There is no solicitation on the premises.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Name of business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email [required] _____

County of permanent residence [required] _____

Home phone # _____ Mobile phone # _____

Description of product _____

Special requests _____

Vehicle requirements _____

Please return with a copy of the appropriate license for your business [please check

_____ Licensed _____ Cottage Law _____ Exempt

*****FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS*****

Name on credit card _____

Billing address _____

Visa / Mastercard # _____

Signature _____

Exp date _____ SVC Code [3 digits on back] _____

Office Use Only: Payment received _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Confirmation sent _____