



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

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Farmers Market Guidelines

While there is no regulatory definition for farmer's markets, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) defines them as: "public markets for the primary purpose of connecting and mutually benefiting Massachusetts farmers, communities, and shoppers while promoting and selling products grown and raised by participating farmers."

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Food Protection Program (FPP)'s interpretation of farm products currently includes:

- Fresh produce (fresh uncut fruits and vegetables)
- Unprocessed honey (Raw honey as defined by the National Honey Board: Honey as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling or straining without added heat.)
- Maple syrup
- Farm fresh eggs (**must be stored and maintained at 45°F (7.2°C).**)

*****If you are going to be selling products other than the 4 groups listed above please continue with the application located on page 2. *****

Potentially hazardous foods (PHF) will not be allowed to be prepared or processed on site unless it's prepared in a licensed food truck that meets our mobile requirements, or for educational purposes such as the cooking demonstration. Please contact the health department for demonstration approval.

Processed foods sold at a farmer's market **MUST** be manufactured in a licensed food processing facility, a licensed food establishment, or a licensed residential kitchen. Copies of residential kitchen permits, retail food establishment permits or food manufacturing licenses where the food was prepared should be submitted to the Westfield Health Department along with the vendor's application.

Cooking demonstrations with small samples of cooked food may be prepared and offered at the farmer's market for promotional and/or educational value with prior Health Department notice, review, and approval. Safe food handling practices, including adequate food cooking temperatures, must be followed. Sample portions are to be "bite-size" as the intent of the sample is that the food is not for food service.

All cooking demonstrations require contacting the health department with no less than 48 hours advanced notice for approval. These demonstrations are intended for learning purposes, not for food service. Any questions please call. 413-572-9125



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Farmers Market Application

Name and contact information:

How many events will you be attending?

What foods are you preparing/processing?

Where was the food prepared/processed?

Is the kitchen licensed by a Local Board of Health? If yes, by which local board of health? Please have a copy of license on hand at EACH event.

Does the prepared/processed food require temperature control? If so, how do you plan on keeping the foods out of the temperature danger zone (42-139 degrees Fahrenheit)

If you have any questions pertaining to what foods can and cannot be sold please contact me as soon as possible at 413-572-9125. Vendors contacting the health department within 48 hours of event will not be allowed to participate until the following week.

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