

Richland County Health Department

Policy Topic: Farmer's Markets in Richland County

Policy: Individuals interested in participating in a Farmer's Market in Richland County must adhere to the following rules in accordance with technical guidance from Montana DPHHS, and must pre-apply with the Sanitarian prior to the opening of the market.

Effective/Review Date: 6/2013, reviewed 4/2014, 5/2016, 3/2017, 1/2018, 2/2022

Purpose: To ensure that all parties are adhering to food safety principles and state rules and regulation governing farmer's markets in Montana

Responsible Party: Sanitarian

Procedure:

1. Parties interested in participating in a Farmer's Market must pre-apply with the Sanitarian using the appropriate form.
2. The Sanitarian will review the application within one week of receipt and request changes or approve of the application. Once approved, the party is permitted to sell only the pre-approved items. The form must be re-submitted if additional items are added.
3. The Sanitarian may make random compliance visits to the Farmer's Market. Any foods for sale outside of the pre-approved items must be removed and discarded. Any parties who have not made pre-application found at the Market will be required to complete the form and remove any prohibited items, or will be required to close sales and leave the market.
4. The Sanitarian reserves the right to exclude non-compliant parties from the Market, is not responsible for loss of product and/or revenue due to non-compliance. Approval of products is at the discretion of the Sanitarian based on basic food safety rules and applicable laws.
5. A copy of the form, signed by the Sanitarian, must be present and visible at each table.

Forms:

Richland County Farmer's Market Application

2021 DPHHS FCS Farmers' Market Guidelines