

NEK WINTER MARKET

Rules

1. Mission Statement

The goal of the NEK Winter Market is to provide a sales outlet for Vermont farmers and craftspeople, and an opportunity for local people and visitors to obtain fresh produce, baked goods, other farm products, and various handcrafts in congenial and pleasant surroundings.

These rules are a detailed listing of how the market operates. Adhering to the rules makes for a smooth running market. Rules may be made or changed at any regular (or special) membership meeting only by a majority vote of a quorum of the membership.

2. Schedule

- The NEK Winter Market is held at Lyndon State College in the Twilight Auditorium Lobby one Saturday each month from November through May.
- Normally the Market opens at 11:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.
- Vendors will be placed in vacant spots according to seniority of participation and as space and advance-warning time allows.

3. Vendor Definitions

- All members must be Northeast Kingdom residents. Applications from vendors outside the Northeast Kingdom will be considered on an individual basis.

4. Vendor Expectations and Responsibilities

- All vendors are expected to participate in the Market in the spirit of cooperation.
- All vendors are required to pay an annual membership fee of \$10.00. A 5% commission of the vendor's daily total sales or \$5.00, whichever is greater, will be collected at the end of each market by the market manager.
- Products for sale must be grown, made, or baked by the vendor, a member of his immediate family, or the vendor's employee, using ingredients from local Vermont farms and businesses. Items may not be brought in for resale.
- The board reserves the right to prohibit sales it deems incompatible with the Market Mission and Objectives.
- Vendors shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the State of Vermont relating to the products they sell (including but not limited to State ID Tax #, sales tax, labeling, and processing laws, etc.)

Examples: legal for trade scales that can be certified by the Agency of Agriculture are required for all vendors who sell products by weight. Sellers of prepared foods should not handle food with bare hands. Latex gloves or wax paper must be used for unwrapped food, bread, etc. State regulations require that food be covered and that perishable foods be adequately chilled or heated.

Contact the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets at: (802) 828-3307 or at <http://www.vermontagriculture.com/> for additional information.

- Vendors are expected to be set up and ready for business by 11:00am. After unloading, vehicles must be moved to the parking lot.
- Sales shall not begin until 11:00 am.
- Vendors are expected to remain until the market closes at 3:00 pm.
- Members are responsible for cleaning their space at markets end. All vendor-generated trash must be properly disposed of or taken home by that vendor.
- If you can not be at the market on a given day, please notify Cathy Paris by 6:00 pm Thursday. Her phone number is (802) 626-1400.
- Vendors are encouraged to carry their own liability insurance. Neither product liability for individual vendors nor liability for personal damages caused by your market display is covered by the NEK Winter Market.
- There is no smoking or alcohol permitted at the market.
- Vendors may not bring pets.

All vendors are expected to know and follow the rules of the market. Non-compliance will result in a written warning. Continued non-compliance will result in expulsion from the market.