



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What can I sell at the market?

The Brownsville Farmers' Market is a producer-only market. A producer-only market is defined as a market in which all items sold/offered are made, baked, or prepared personally by the vendor. Limited exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. (Page of 1 of Application)

How much does it cost?

All interested vendors are required to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$30.00. All vendors are required to pay a market fee, due upon receipt at the Brownsville Farmers Market. No Exceptions. All fees will be paid via cash or credit card at BFM table. Fees are as follows:

Farmers/Backyard Gardener	\$10.00 per Saturday
Valued Added Products	\$15.00 per Saturday
Artisans/Crafts	\$15.00 per Saturday

What permits do I need?

In order to sell food or artisans you will need different permits. For food vendors you are required to have Food Handler's License (refer to page 2 of application). A sales permit is required for participants of the market. You will need to contact Texas Comptroller's Office. (refer to page 2 of application). Once approved through BWC you will need a permit from health department of City of Brownsville. We will refer to department.

How long does it take to get approved?

Applications will be approved on a quarterly basis by the board of Directors of BWC. Please refer to website for dates.

Why do they have to be healthy foods? What is healthy?

The Brownsville Farmers' Market (BFM) is a program of the Brownsville Wellness Coalition (BWC). The BWC Board of Directors mission is to cultivate healthy food and lifestyle.

Provide a setting in which community members can purchase local products from local producers; A diverse mix of products, encouraging selection, vitality, and freshness. Preference for products produced organically or through environmentally responsible practices. Preference for animal products from animals that are sustainably raised or harvested, and humanely handled and processed. Strong strict preference for healthy options for the community.

Can I pay at the market?

All fees can be paid at the Brownsville Farmer's Market table the day of market. Ask us about a quarterly discount if paid ahead.

Do I need my own tent and table?

Currently we have tents and tables for food vendors. We are in the process of obtaining additional tents and tables for artisans/crafters to unify the market. For all vendors we will provide a tent and one table. You are welcome to bring additional tables for your booth but we will not be responsible of storage.

Is there electricity?

Electricity is available to vendor upon approval. Vendors must provide their own extension cord. Proximity to electricity will be considered when determining your booth placement. All electric cords should be run along the ground together behind vendor booths. In walkways, all electric cords should be placed under the shared cable cover.

Can I share tent?

Each business entity will have their own tent, unless otherwise arranged with market manager. If two separate businesses are under a tent each will be counted as such.

Can I be seasonal?

The market is open year round. You are welcome to be a seasonal, please make the appropriate arrangements with market manager for your return.

Will I always have the same spot?

Mean while we transition into this new setup BFM will be designating permanent spots for year round vendors. For seasonal vendors we will adjust as we include you back in the market.

Where do I park?

Please use parking lot space accordingly. We kindly remind you that parking spots near the market are for customers so we suggest you unload and move your vehicle to designated areas (refer to parking map). Do not use the handicapped parking spaces as a loading zone. This is for the well being of the market and all vendors. We provide exceptional customer service.

Can I accept WIC or SNAP? Will someone have petty cash at the market?

The BFM participates in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) year round and WIC (Feb-Oct). Vendors who participate in SNAP and WIC programs should display notice of their participation at their market tent. Vendors may not accept expired vouchers. Vendors may not be reimbursed for vouchers accepted for ineligible products. Market manager will inform vendors which vouchers can be accepted. Each vendor must be responsible for their own ways of accepting payments i.e. cash, credit/debit cards. Each vendor must have their own petty cash. We have a courtesy cash box for change, but at times availability is limited. Vendors should use this on an as-needed basis and generally bring enough petty cash for themselves.