

2019 Guidelines
Defiance Farmers Market - Northtowne
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1. The farmers market is open to all producers that have a dedicated interest in a successful market that will benefit producers and the community.
2. Market locations are:
 - Defiance, OH
 - When: Every Tuesday: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 - Every Thursday: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
 - Every Saturday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - May 2 – October 31, 2019
 - Where: Northtowne Mall Main Entrance (St. Rt. 66 south of U.S 24)
3. The size of each market space is not to exceed approximately two standard parking spaces (25 feet wide and 25 feet deep). Farmers Market spaces will be available on a first come-first serve basis for each market day.
4. Vendors shall not begin setting up their space more than 60 minutes before market opening time. Vendors shall begin closing their space at market closing time and take no more than 60 minutes to vacate the market.
5. Vendor registration: All vendors must be registered. Registration forms are available at;
 - a. <http://defiance.osu.edu/topics/agriculture-and-natural-resources/farmers-market>
 - b. another farmers market vendor
 - c. OSU Extension Defiance County office
6. Vendor fee:

Location	Fee	Checks payable to:	Send registration to:
Defiance	\$50 for the Season or \$5 per day	Defiance Farmers Market	OSU Extension Defiance County 06879 Evansport Road, Suite B Defiance, OH 43512

A vendor who wants to try out market may pay \$5 for each of the first two visits. After that an additional \$40 will be due for the remainder of the season.

7. Label of Origin: Vendors are required to provide labeling for all products as to its origin. Label may include individual tags or stickers on each item or signage by whole table or display. Examples include: “Own Grown”, “Grown by *name, City, State*”, or “Produced in *City, State or State*”
8. Selling craft items: Vendors may sell craft items at the Defiance location if they are registered and sell fruits, vegetables, baked goods, etc. Defiance will follow the approved building materials mentioned in sections 8 a-d.
 - a. Products must be handmade by a registered vendor and of natural material made mostly (>50%) from local products. Items assembled from kits are not permitted nor is flea market merchandise.
 - b. Wood objects must be made of solid wood or plywood. Luan plywood (also known as die-cut plywood) and plastic are not permitted.
 - c. Textile crafts - fabrics must be of 100% natural material.

- d. Animal products - vendor is responsible for adhering to all state and local laws. Products may not come from protected, endangered or exotic species.
9. Vendor's stand or vehicle shall exhibit producer's name, address and prices in a prominent location for the customer.
10. Vendors must keep their stands, personnel, and sales area clean and neat at all times. Vendors must remove all of their trash and residue when leaving the market. If sales area requires cleaning, vendor will be billed for this cost and forbidden to participate in future market days.
11. Vendors are prohibited from having pets or other animals with them at the farmers market. Vendors with service animals, guide/signal dog, must keep the animal in an area where it will not contaminate food or equipment. If the vendor provides care for the service animal they must wash their hands before handling unpackaged food or food products.
12. It is the responsibility of the vendor to comply with Ohio Laws regarding production and sale of products.
13. Home produced baked goods may be sold. Vendors of home produced goods are considered Cottage Food Production Operations and must follow the guidelines of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The ODA website: <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/foodsafety/> or call 614-728-6250.
14. Non-Profits are invited to hold a fund-raiser on each Saturday of market. Each entity may choose one day during the season for a free space. Products sold must follow the above guidelines. To request a market space and date please call the OSU Extension Defiance County Office at 419-782-4771.
15. Anyone not cooperating with the rules will be barred from the farmers market.
16. Market treasurer has authority to enforce market guidelines. If a valid appeal is made, a final decision on policy will be made by a majority vote of the Defiance Farmers Market Committee. The committee is made up of registered Defiance vendors that attend a meeting called by the OSU Extension Defiance County office to decide a policy matter.
17. Liability insurance is the responsibility of the vendors.
18. Vendors are responsible for all requirements for coupon redemptions for cash. Some customers present coupons for payments from sponsoring agencies. Coupons include but not limited to: Senior Citizen's Coupon sponsored by the NW Ohio Area Office on Aging (419) 382-0624, Ext. 1623 or 1153), and Women Infant & Children (WIC) Coupon sponsored by the Defiance County Health Dept (419) 784-3818.
19. Farmers Market vendors in Defiance will yield their regular space to other groups using mall property for other events. Dates may be added during the market season and registered vendors will be notified.
20. By participating in the farmers market, the vendor agrees to adhere to the above guidelines.

Questions or comments can be directed to Bruce Clevenger, OSU Extension Educator, Defiance County, 06879 Evansport Road, Defiance, OH 43512. Phone (419-782-4771), Fax (419-784-3883), email (clevenger.10@osu.edu).