**How to be a Café Vendor at the CFM Market Café**

***FIRST, fill out the Café Vendors Application Form and return it to the Market Manager***

* Go to the Chelsea Farmers Market website (<http://www.chelseafarmersmarket.org>) and open the [SELL page](http://www.chelseafarmersmarket.org/sell.html)
* Click on the CAFÉ VENDOR APPLICATION link and open the page. This will open the form and from there you can print it.

At this point you can either:

* Fill it out by hand, scan it, and send it back as an email attachment to [manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org)
* Fill it out by hand and mail it to Chelsea Farmers Market, PO Box 126, Chelsea VT 05038.
* OR you can just read the form on your screen and send an email with the information requested to [manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org) (not using the form at all)!

If you are a day vendor (as opposed to a seasonal vendor), you will be asked to **pay a fee of $30.00**. per event, and here’s how that breaks down:

* $15.00 is the annual membership fee for all vendors at Chelsea Farmers Market.
* If you are a seasonal vendor at CFM, you will have already paid your membership fee and do not owe this if you also vend at the Café.
* The additional $15.00 covers the use of tables, chafing dishes, sterno heat modules, compostable dishes, to-go materials, cups, napkins, gloves, silverware, etc.
* The CFM board has determined that we want this operation to be as easy on our planet as possible. We are working hard towards ‘zero waste’ - so that we don’t add more plastic to the landfill!
* $15.00 is less than you would have to spend if you went out and bought plastic utensils, plates, cups, to-go dishes, napkins etc. and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have not added more plastic to the landfill!
* Please pay this fee up front when you make your application.

**What to Expect When You Arrive on Your Market Café Day**

***We have two tents that are dedicated to the Market Café:***

**The WHITE tent is your kitchen, and this comes with everything you will need to operate your café**

* THREE 6 FT FOLDING TABLES for food service
* COMPOSTABLE plates, to-go containers, cups, knives, forks, spoons, and napkins
* Non-latex food service gloves
* Two chafing dishes to keep food warm + sterno/ canned heat, and a pitcher to add water to the dishes (water can be obtained from Mary’s Shoppe).

**The RED tent covers an 8ft picnic table and benches w/ seating for 8 – 10 people.**

* This is where your customers can, if they choose, sit down and eat the food you have made.
* They can also take the food home or find another space on the green to eat.

These tents will be set up for you when you arrive (unless you are coming really early!)

* The tables are stored in the back of ***Mary’s Sidewalk Shoppe on the North Common*** and vendors should pick them up from there.
* Everything else will be delivered to the Market Café when the tents are set up, so will be there for you when you arrive.

If you are making food that needs to be prepared on-site you will need to bring***; A grill, smoker, oven or whatever it takes to bring your food from raw ingredients to a yummy dinner!***

The basic idea is that **all you will have to bring is the food** (already cooked or ready for cooking).

**What to Do When the Market is Over**

Everything you took from Mary’s Shoppe needs to be returned there, clean and ready for the next week’s vendors.

* Please wipe down tables and pack all re-usable items in the boxes provided.
* If chafing dishes need to be washed, please take them home and return them to Mary’s by the following Wednesday when the store re-opens.
* If you notice we are getting low on anything - utensils, dishes, etc. Please report to [manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@chelseafarmersmarket.org) so that we can get more supplies before the next Café.

**Health and Safety Regulations per the CFM Café - The VT Agency of Health**

The following information pertains to permits and licensing for vendors who wish to sell prepared foods at the Chelsea Farmers Market.

**Monthly Food Vendors**

Vendors who sell prepared food, hot or cold, are **exempt** from needing a permit or facilities inspection as long as they do **NOT vend more often than ONE time per month**.

**Weekly Food Vendors**

A vendor who wishes to sell prepared food at the market **more frequently than 1x per month** is subject to the following regulations:

* Must have handwashing facilities and a 3-dishpan set up (hot soapy water/ hot rinse water/ bleach sterilizing solution + drainage facilities and storage for grey water, for washing serving utensils and any plates/ silverware that are not disposable.
* The bleach sanitizer concentration must be checked using a **Hydrion Micro Chlorine Test Kit**.
* Here is a link to a [Cambro](https://www.cambro.com/Products/Merchandising/1450/1033.aspx) hand sink unit, which is one example of a setup which may be approved by the VT Agency of Health.
* There must be ground covering (plastic/ rubber mats) below the food prep area.
* Prepared food must be kept at <41 degrees F using coolers and ice packs. Coolers MUST have a drain to remove melted ice.
* Vendors must use a probe to ensure that meat (chicken, hot dogs, burgers etc.) is cooked to the required temperature.
* Non-latex food service gloves must be used when handling food.
* Food must be prepared and sold under a cover (tent) to prevent contamination from birds, weather etc.

**Bakers – bread, pies, pastries, cakes, donuts etc.**

A license is NOT required for bakers of food that is sold completely cooked, as long as the vendor is not taking in more than $6,500.00 (gross receipts) per calendar year.