

FAQ Page

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Who supplies the canopy and tables?

You supply all your booth's needs; this also allows you to be creative and use all the materials for other events.

What do I use to weigh down the canopy?

Creative ideas seen in the past have included: cement filled pvc pipes with a hook on one end to hang from the top corners of the canopy, dumbbell weights inside nets attached to legs with bungee cords on the ground, decorative gallon containers filled with either water or sand secured to the bottom of the legs, a hanging style of planter filled with cement and topped with silk flowers, so it was functional and lovely to look at—it was hung from the top four corners of the canopy. Strongly advise trying this out prior to market day! And also ballasting down your signs as well.

What can I do if I need to use the restroom and I'm by myself?

There are many of your fellow vendors that will watch your booth for you and when their time of need arrives, you can return the favor.

What do I do if it rains?

Cover your items with plastic, put into plastic bins with lids. I've used clear shower curtains so items for sale can still be seen. Some people provide photos in a catalogue fashion and when the customer finds items they'd like to see you can remove them from your storage containers.

Artists and vendors now have the choice of staying and continuing their day if the weather looks like it will be stormy all day, but at their own risk.

*If a market day is called due to weather, everyone packs carefully and departs but ONLY after the market has been completely called off. This means lightning or other dangerous conditions are imminent. Safety is always first—yours and the rest of the community. So carefully gather your things and retrieve your vehicles to safely depart from the market.

Can I display political items in my booth?

Remaining neutral is best, because while we respect your thoughts and value free speech, it can end up hurting your business and something to consider.

Can I bring my children?

Yes, just be prepared to give them lots to do, the days can get long for little ones not used to it. Their entertainment is your responsibility, not that of the other vendors or market staff.

Can I bring my pets?

Pets are allowed but please be aware that if you're tired at the end of the day—your pet can be exhausted from overstimulation. You'll also be responsible for their bathroom needs and the responsible clean-up that goes with that. Please don't forget to give enough water; all of this can be a lot of extra work for you.

Why weren't my special requests (whether it is location or some other element) on the application fulfilled?

We try our very best to do this but someone may have already asked for this in, and their timestamp was earlier. Other reasons could be due to your location and/or the products you sell.

If I sell prepared food, will an inspector visit me?

Yes, you can expect at least one inspection from the Dept. of Food and Agriculture and/or the Olmsted Health Department. RDA staff will also make sure you've met your requirements, we want you to succeed, but ultimately meeting all rules and requirements are your responsibility.

Who do I talk to if there are additional questions not listed here or explained on the application or other informational material provided?

Please contact: Heidi Lanners at: hlanners@rdowntownalliance.com

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