

SALTSPRING MARKET VENDOR PRIMER - 2025 SEASON

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SALTSPRING SATURDAY MARKET

The Salt Spring Saturday Market has been running since the 1970s. We'd love to have you join us and we want to make that as easy as possible. Here are the basics:

WHO IS ALLOWED TO VEND?

All vendors must live on Salt Spring Island full time, and must make, bake or grow everything that they sell. And, the making/baking/growing must be done on Salt Spring Island. If you are using commercially available components, you must "transform or significantly alter" the parts, i.e if you screen print on T-shirts you don't have to sew the shirt yourself but you must make your own designs and screen print them yourself. You cannot buy something and re-sell it at the Market.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Registration for 2025 is open and is ongoing. You can register at any point during the season. Sign up is only online at www.saltspringmarket.com/about-the-market.

WHEN DOES IT RUN?

Saturdays from April 5th to Saturday October 25th, 9am to 3pm-ish.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Registering as a vendor costs \$36.75 plus GST for the Season for all vendors. Vendors then pay a per-market fee for each Market they attend. Payment is by debit or credit only. Booth size for new vendors is either 8ft x 8ft or 5ft x 5ft. Cost varies by "season" and size of booth.

Per Market, 8ft x 8ft: \$27.34+GST (Low Season), \$41.97+GST (High Season)

Per Market, 5ft x 5ft: \$19.45+GST (Low Season), \$29.85+GST (High Season)

"Low Season" is April 5th to May 10th and Sept 6th to Oct 25th. "High Season" is May 17th to Aug 30th.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

The Market is run by a community based not-for-profit, the Salt Spring Island Saturday Market Society (SSISMS). The Society has a nine member volunteer Board of Directors made up of vendors, local business owners and local community members who donate their time to ensure the Market keeps running smoothly. You can get in touch with them at theboard@saltspringmarket.com. SSISMS has two paid employees, the Market Coordinator, whose job it is to organise the Market and communicate with vendors and the public (coordinator@saltspringmarket.com), and a Market Assistant, whose job it is to help the Coordinator as needed during the summer months.

SENIORITY

Seniority in the market is based on points that are collected by each vendor; each time a vendor attends the market they collect one "seniority point". So a Vendor with 200 Seniority Points has attended 200 markets. When you start the market you are a "**Day Vendor**" and you email the Coordinator each week you want to vend and will be placed into the best spot available that week based on your seniority. Any Day Vendor who goes a full season without vending has their seniority re-set to zero. Vendors with enough seniority can be "**Seasonal Vendors**." They are assigned a spot for the entire season and must attend at minimum of 14 markets. For 2025 the minimum to be a seasonal vendor is around 60 seniority points.

SETTING UP AT THE MARKET

Vendors must bring all their own display including tent, tables, etc. Day Vendors will be assigned a spot # by the Coordinator each week - check your email. When you arrive, unload your stuff then go park in a location designated by the Coordinator. Then you can return and set up. No cars are allowed on-site from 30 mins before the Market starts until 30 mins after it ends. Tents must have weights so they don't blow around and smash other people's stuff.

FOOD, BODY CARE PRODUCTS & ALCOHOL

Food vendors, including kids, must follow Island Health (formerly known as VIHA) rules. Body care vendors must follow all Health Canada rules. Alcohol vendors must follow all BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch rules. No cannabis sales are permitted, including CBD.

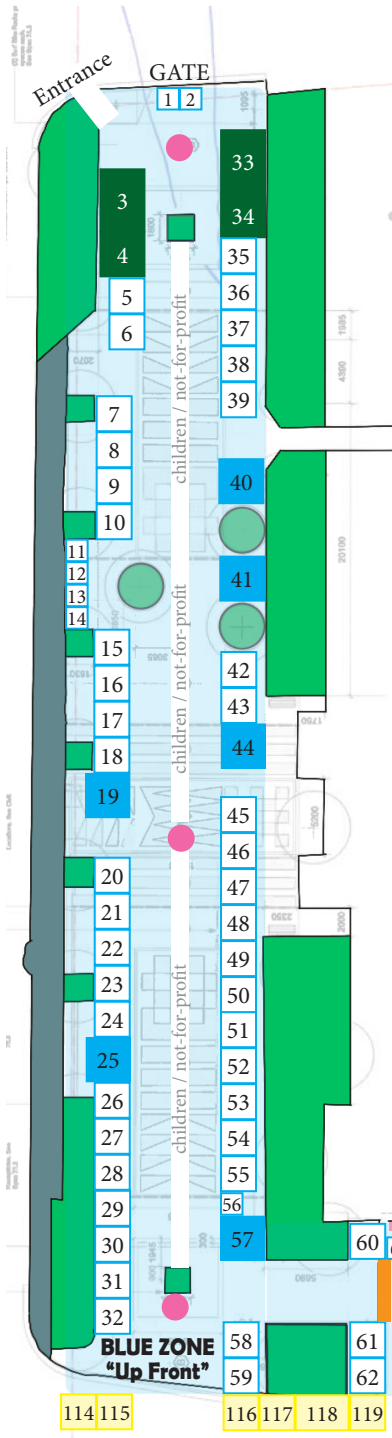
MARKET RULES

No generators. • No spraying scents. • No amplified music. • Clean up after yourself. • Don't be a jerk to customers or each other.

QUESTIONS

Download the 2025 Vendor Guidelines at www.saltspringmarket.com/about-the-market. If you still have questions, contact Michael Bean at coordinator@saltspringmarket.com because that guy is really nice and his job is to help.

MARKET MAP



MAP KEY

- Large squares are 10'x10' Farmers or Pre-2002 vendors
- Small squares are 5'x5' #1-2, #11-14, #56, #63 and #80
- All other squares are 8'x8'

BLUE ZONE aka "UP FRONT"

Low Season: Must be set up by 8:30am. Load out 3:00pm.
High Season: Must be set up by 8:00am. Load out 4:00pm.

RED ZONE aka "ROW 1"

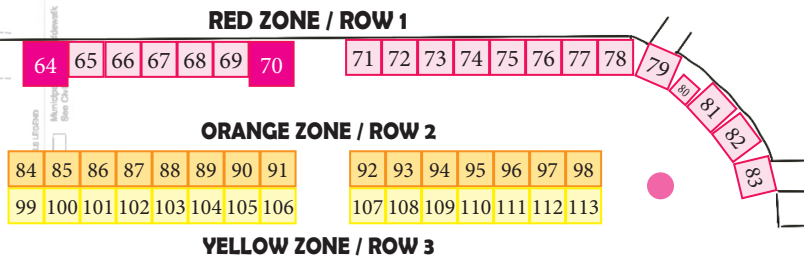
Low Season: Must be done load in by 8:00am (i.e. unloaded, car moved). Must be set up by 8:30am. Load out 3:00pm.
High Season: Must be done loading in by 7:30am (i.e. unloaded, car moved). Must be set up by 8:00am. Load out 4:00pm.

ORANGE ZONE aka "ROW 2"

Low Season: Load in starts at 8:00am. Must be done load in by 8:30am (i.e. unloaded, car moved). Load out 3:00pm.
High Season: Load in starts at 7:30am. Must be done load in by 8:00am (i.e. unloaded, car moved). Must be set up by 8:30am. Load out 3:00pm.

YELLOW ZONE aka "ROW 3"

High Season Only: Load in starts at 8:00am. Must be done load in by 8:30am (i.e. unloaded, car moved). Set up *starts* at 8:30am, no tents before that. Load out 3:00pm.



Ganges Alley

— curb ramp ● busker

PARKING MAP

Please park in one of the three lots marked with the red arrow, so that vendors are not taking parking away from local businesses. We want to be good neighbours!

