

POCKET FARM MARKETS



What is a Pocket Farm Market?

A Pocket Farm Market is a small-scale pop-up farm market, used to sell agricultural products directly to consumers. Food producers temporarily gather at parking lot or other outdoor location and sell products to residents from a table or vehicle.



Steps for Starting a Pocket Farm Market

- ▶ Gather a group of local food growers.
- ▶ Decide on a location that is permitted through Saanich Zoning Bylaw.
- ▶ Familiarize yourself with operational requirements. Read the Pocket Farm Market regulations (below) and check the District of Saanich Zoning Bylaw.
- ▶ Apply for an annual Saanich Business Licence. Only one business licence is required per Pocket Farm Market.
- ▶ Obtain permissions:
 1. **Private Property** → Obtain permission from the property owner.
 2. **Saanich Park** → Apply for a District of Saanich Park Permit.
 3. **Saanich Municipal Hall** → Complete a Saanich Special Event Application.
 4. **Recreation Facility** → Book with the respective facility.
- ▶ Host your Pocket Farm Market!

REGULATIONS

Where are Pocket Farm Markets permitted?

Pocket Farm Markets are permitted in a variety of 'public' zones (including most churches, community centres, schools, parks, offices, etc.), as well as the District of Saanich Municipal Hall.

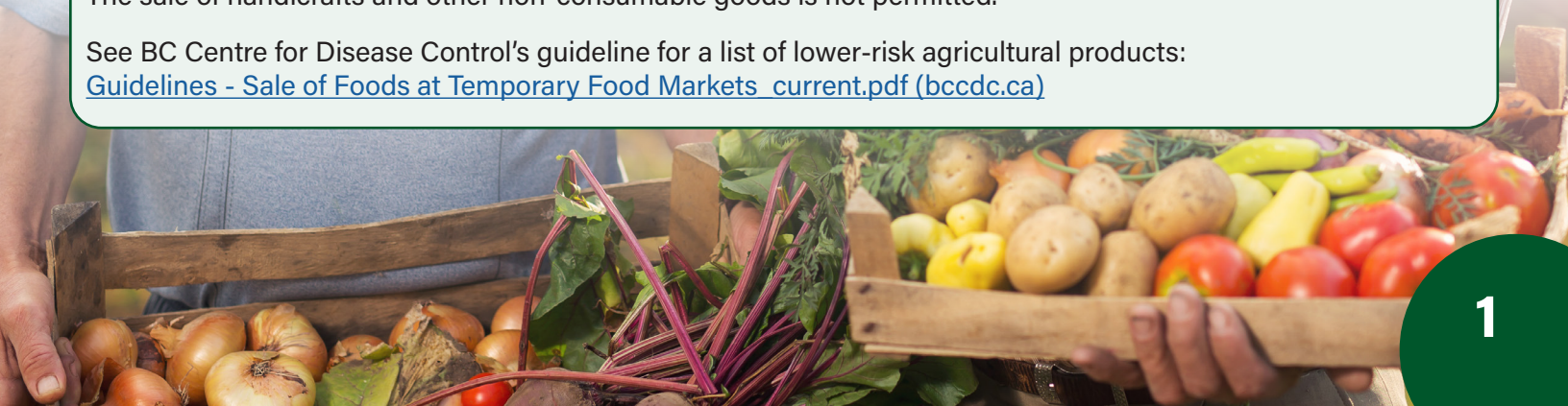
Check the District of Saanich [Zoning Bylaw](#) for permitted zones.

What types of items can be sold?

Items permitted for sale at Pocket Farm Markets include fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables, apiary products, trees and forest products, forages and sod crops, grains and seed crops, eggs, and local ornamental and greenhouse products, and other lower-risk value-added agricultural products (i.e. jams, canned goods) that are not capable of supporting the growth of disease-causing organisms or the production of toxins.

The sale of handicrafts and other non-consumable goods is not permitted.

See BC Centre for Disease Control's guideline for a list of lower-risk agricultural products: [Guidelines - Sale of Foods at Temporary Food Markets current.pdf \(bccdc.ca\)](#)



Other Regulations

- ▶ The Pocket Farm Market operator must secure permission from the property owner prior to operating.
- ▶ The site area of the Pocket Farm Market must be outdoors and must not exceed 184m² (1991 ft²).
- ▶ Mobile food vendors and live entertainment are prohibited at Pocket Farm Markets.
- ▶ Pocket Farm Markets must not operate on any given lot more than twice weekly.
- ▶ The Pocket Farm Market must only operate from tables or vehicles.

Business Licence

- ▶ An annual Saanich business licence is required to operate all Pocket Farm Markets.
- ▶ Only one business licence is required per market.
- ▶ The cost of a business licence for a Pocket Farm Market is \$50.00/year.
- ▶ A business licence is required to apply for a Park Permit or Special Event Application.
- ▶ More information on obtaining a business licence can be found at:
[Business Licences | District of Saanich](#)
- ▶ **Questions regarding the Business Licence?**
e. businesslicence@saanich.ca
t. 250-475-5401

Park Permit

- ▶ A Saanich Park Permit is required to operate a Pocket Farm Market in Saanich parks.
- ▶ More information on obtaining a Park Permit can be found at:
[Park Permit Application | District of Saanich](#)
- ▶ **Questions regarding a Park Permit?**
e: parks@saanich.ca
t: (250) 475-5522

Special Event Application

- ▶ A Saanich Special Event Permit is required to operate a Pocket Farm Market at the Saanich Municipal Hall.
- ▶ More information on obtaining a Special Event Application can be found at:
[Microsoft Word - Permit - Special Event Application Form 2017.docx \(saanich.ca\)](#)
- ▶ **Questions regarding a Special Event Application?**
e: sarah.faria@saanich.ca
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Recreation Facilities

Hosting a Pocket Farm Market outdoors at a Saanich Recreation Facility requires booking with the respective facility:

1. [Saanich Commonwealth Place](#)
250-475-7600
2. [Gordon Head Recreation Centre](#)
250-475-7100
3. [Cedar Hill Recreation Centre](#)
250-475-7121
4. [G. R. Pearkes Recreation Centre](#)
250-475-5400

*Please note that facility availability will be dependent on operational capacity and may be limited.

Other Questions? Contact Saanich Planning.

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