

Vendor Rules and Sign Up

Welcome to the seventh season of the **San Jose Mercado Organico (SJMO)**! This season's market will officially begin on Saturday the 7th of November, 2009 at "La Huerta Maria" (Located directly in front of the Jockey Club / Road to Las Animas) near downtown San Jose Del Cabo.

**This season's market will be in operation each Saturday from
November 7th 2009 through May 29th 2010
9 am - 3 pm**

We welcome your participation and look forward to building on the success that the market has enjoyed in previous years.

A few of the things that make the San Jose Mercado Organico something special:

- We strive to create a multicultural market by providing an event for the sales of locally grown organic produce, prepared food, arts and crafts, community and educational activities, and resources.
- The products and activities originate from our community and reflect what is produced, created, and grown in our local area.
- A emphasis on education and ecological awareness and how we all can minimize our impact on the environment while moving toward a greener future.
- Provide a gathering place where members of the community can encounter products produced in the area and where both producers and consumers can get to know each other and interact directly.
- We also promote and emphasize the importance of low impact ecological/sustainable packaging, recycling, and producer/buyer awareness, which not only educates but improves the quality of life of the community.

Your 10% contribution from market day sales goes toward the costs associated with market operations such as rent, personnel, promotions, fees, etc. Please remember that each vendor's contribution makes it possible to operate and maintain the market.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION!

You may contact us via email: info@sanjomo.com
or log on to our web site at: www.sanjomo.com

Please read our rules and regulations for the San Jose Mercado Organico. These rules have been created and reviewed by a volunteer committee of SJMO friends and members. They are the basic set of rules by which the Market will operate and are subject to adjustment or change by the SJMO rules committee. The vendors who apply for participation in the organic market are obligated to agree to these rules.

MARKET RULES AND REGULATIONS 2009 - 2010

REGISTRATION

Vendors wishing to participate in opening day November 7th of the 2009-2010 market are requested to submit a vendor application at least 2 weeks prior to the market opening. Vendor applications are [available online here](#) . A vendor meeting will be held at the market site, La Huerta Maria on Saturday October 24th. Applications may be obtained and submitted at this meeting. All former vendors and those interested in becoming vendors are urged to attend. Vendors that participated in last year's market are encouraged to attend in order to reserve their previous booth/vendor space. Assignment of booth/vendor spaces is based on space availability with preference given to last year's level of attendance, sales contributions and category of products or services offered.

Vendors wishing to participate after the market opening date of November 7th are requested to register in advance of the Saturday they wish to commence participation. Applications are [available online here](#) and at the Market Information Booth.

The official market hours for the 2009-2010 season are from 9 am to 3 pm. Vehicles will be allowed into the market sales area beginning at 8 am for set up and unloading. All vehicles must exit the market sales area by 8:45 am.

Perspective vendors who show up at the Market without prior registration must check in at the SJMO Information Booth upon arrival, with the understanding that their application may not be reviewed until after 9am. There is no guarantee that onsite registration will ensure participation in that day's market activities, however the Market Coordinator will try to accommodate eligible new vendors after all pre registered vendors are in place.

Vendors that have not participated in the past years market will receive an ID # with their name and assigned a space once their applications are approved and all market requirements are met.

All items to be sold at the market are subject to inspection by the SJMO Market Committee to ensure they conform to the mission, rules, regulations, and expectations of the Organic Market.

COOPERATION

All vendors are required to pay a 10% cooperation fee of their total gross sales for each market day. Each vendor must turn in an individual Market Activity Card that includes all sales amounts noted along with their 10% cooperation fee at the end of each market day to an SJMO representative. Cards may not be turned in before the end of vendor sales for the market day. The fee amount will be verified by a market representative in the presence of the vendor.

The SJMO is entirely supported by these vendor contributions which are used to pay all of the expenses of the market including rent, maintenance, salaries, and promotions, etc.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE VENDORS

In order to maintain a positive relationship between vendors and consumers, all the products for sale by vendors should be predominately produced by the vendors themselves.

Other items may be sold by vendors acting as an agent of other producers – if, and only if, such products are eligible and enhance the diversity of the market. Such items may not comprise the majority of a vendor's daily sales. The vendor must register all products that fall into this category to the SJMO Market Coordinator in advance of their presentation or sale. These products will be reviewed by a SJMO committee, who has authority to disallow at any time any product or service if deemed not in the best interest of the entire market.

Other products, services, or resources will be evaluated on a case by case basis prior to their approval for sales at the Market.

PETS / ANIMALS

There will be absolutely NO pets allowed within the area of the Market. The only exception will be service animals such as necessary to assist unsighted or handicapped individuals.

POLICY ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The possession and use of drugs and alcohol will not be tolerated and the proper authorities will be notified in all such cases.

FOOD PRODUCTS

All food prepared at and for the Market must be prepared in accordance with the sanitary regulations established by the Los Cabos Municipality and State and Federal laws. All required permits and fees must be valid and up to date. These permits are subject to inspection by the market management. All permits and food safety requirements are the responsibility of each individual vendor.

By signing an application form, all food vendors acknowledge that the SJMO is not in any way responsible for permit or food safety compliance by individual vendors.

Ask the Market Coordinator or go directly to the "Cordinacion de Regulacion Sanitaria" located on Calle Manuel Doblado near the center of San Jose del Cabo.

You may also check the website below for information concerning this:

<http://cofepris.gob.mx/wb/cfp/alta#>

The adherence to and the conscious consideration of good hygiene practices helps keep everyone safe and healthy. Please keep in mind that ingredients used to prepare food be from local sources and organic if at all possible and/or available. Also, please try to use the least amount of packaging products (especially items which are not biodegradable such as plastic and Styrofoam containers). We suggest the use of paper or biodegradable items whenever possible. The use of plastic non biodegradable disposable bags is not allowed unless recycled from prior use.

ARTESANS

All artworks and artistic creations (jewelry, clothes, etc.) on sale should be an original creation made by the vendor/s. Please maintain a preference for using local, sustainable materials when possible.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Vendors may sell books, pamphlets, etc. as long as they are educational, cultural, or environmental in nature and in accordance with the San Jose Organic Market's mission.

Workshops, instructional activities must be coordinated in advance of each market with the Market Coordinator.

TRASH

All vendors are responsible for the trash they create, as well as the trash created by their customers. The trash cans at the market are for public use. Vendors are asked to contribute to the maintenance of the market site by hauling garbage generated by their stand away from the site to a location where it can be properly disposed. Before leaving the Market, please check to make sure that your area is in order and that no trash or debris is left behind.

NO SMOKING

In order to project a healthy, family oriented image of the Market, we ask that there be No Smoking within the market/sales area. Vendors violating the no smoking policy may lose their right to exhibit at future markets.

ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL GROUPS

Non-profit organizations, educational, environmental, or community groups are welcome to participate at the Market. These groups may or may not sell items at the Market. In the case of sales they will be asked to contribute the same 10% of daily sales as other vendors, unless explicitly exempted by the SJMO Market Committee. Please inquire and coordinate proposed activities with the Market Coordinator

VENDOR CONDUCT

All vendors are considered independent businesses and are responsible for creating a respectful, tolerant, and all around good atmosphere for all. The vendors are responsible for keeping their areas clean, their prices just, their booth/spaces safe and well maintained. They are required to respect the space of their fellow vendors and treat their clients and fellow vendors in a friendly and dignified manner. Vendors are asked to respect the Market site. Alterations, damage or theft will not be tolerated,

Each vendor is responsible for conducting business according to Local, State and National rules, ordinances, laws and legal business procedures, including all applicable taxes.

All vendors of foreign origin are required to maintain their own individual immigration and work status in accordance with national law. The San Jose Organic Market assumes no responsibility for the actions, legal status or liabilities of vendors, their associates, partners or employees.

Please drive slowly on the market grounds!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome to the San Jose Mercado Organico!