



# General Information

## Philosophy of Raytown Farmers' Market

Thank you for your interest in Raytown Farmers' Market, a natural market owned and operated by the Raytown Main Street Association. Elisa Bedsworth is the Market Manager who presides over the operation of Raytown Farmers' Market.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Raytown Farmers' Market was created to give children, adults, and families in the Raytown/Kansas City area knowledge, education, engagement, and access to fresh locally grown organic produce, while supporting the local and urban growers and producers.

### **KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION**

Provide access to educational-based programs for children and adults on food nutrition, gardening, food preparation and farm to table concepts.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

Increase access to garden/farm literacy, giving children and adults skills to grow and prepare quality nutritional food.

### **ACCESS**

Increase access to locally grown fresh organic produce and animal products.

### **SUPPORT**

Support of local growers/ producers.

## **Contact Information and Hours**

Raytown Farmers' Market  
6222 Raytown Trafficway  
Box 254  
Raytown, MO 64133  
[www.RaytownFarmersMarket.com](http://www.RaytownFarmersMarket.com)  
Market Manger Email: [raytownfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:raytownfarmersmarket@gmail.com)  
Market Manager Phone: 816-399-9846

Market Hours: May to October  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Office Hours:  
Weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **Farmers' Market Board**

Elisa Bedsworth, Market Manager  
Steve Guenther, Vice President  
Sandy Campbell

Daryl Jones  
Robert Jones

## **State and Local Agency Contact Information**

Raytown Main Street Association  
6222 Raytown Trafficway  
Box 254  
Raytown, MO 64133

Jackson County Health Department  
Environmental Health Division  
34900 E. Old U.S. 40 Hwy  
P.O. Box 160  
Grain Valley, MO 64029-0160  
Deb Sees: 816-847-7070  
<http://www.jacksongov.org/EH/>

Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Division of Animal Health  
P.O. Box 630  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0630  
(573) 522-1242  
[www.rnda.mo.gov](http://www.rnda.mo.gov)

Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Weights and Measures  
P.O. Box 630  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0630  
(573) 751-5639

USDA Meat and Poultry Products  
(785) 841-5600  
<http://www.usd.gov>

Missouri Department of Health and Senior  
Services  
930 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570  
Bureau of Environmental Health Services  
(866) 628-9891  
Acidified (pickled) Foods  
Section for Environmental Public Health  
(SEPH)  
(866) 628-9891

Missouri Department of Revenue  
615 East 13th Street  
First Floor/Room 127  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 889-2944  
<http://dor.mo.gov>

Raytown Fire Marshall  
Capt. Matt Mace  
816-737-6034

Raytown Business License Registration  
For information call:  
Public Information Officer  
Scott Peterson  
10000 East 59th St.  
Raytown, MO 64133  
816-737-6059

## Who May Sell

Raytown Farmers' Market is a grower/producer market only. Farm products must be grown using certified organic or natural methods from farms within 120 miles of Raytown, Missouri. Raytown Farmers' Market allows coops of two growers/producers, both members of the coop must fill out an application and pay the \$25 application fee and \$25 farm inspection fee. Grower/producers may have up to four additional family members or employees of their farm sell at market. All of a grower/producers' extended sellers must be registered with Raytown Farmers' Market and licensed and insured by the grower/producer.

Only products that have been grown or raised by the grower/producer themselves may be sold at Raytown Farmers' Market. All produce must be locally or regionally grown.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE**

CSAs may take applications for and distribute their food shares at Raytown Farmers' Market. Food distributed must be local and produced by the CSA. The same vendor applications, fees, and all other rules and regulations apply.

## Vendor Categories

### **ORGANIC GROWER/PRODUCER USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC**

Growers/producers who wish to sell in this category must have completed the USDA certification process for producers of organic food and other organic agricultural products. Any business directly involved in food production can be certified, including seed suppliers, farmers, and food processors.

Growers/producers must follow the below guidelines, a set of production standards required by USDA for growing, storage, processing, packaging and shipping that include:

- No human sewage sludge fertilizer used in cultivation of plants or feed of animals.
- Avoidance of synthetic chemical inputs not on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (e.g. fertilizer, pesticides, antibiotics, food additives, genetically modified organisms, irradiation, and the use of sewage sludge).
- Use of farmland that has been free from prohibited synthetic chemicals for a number of years (often, three or more).
- Keeping detailed written production and sales records (audit trail).
- Maintaining strict physical separation of organic products from non-certified products.
- Undergoing periodic on-site inspections.

### **NON-CERTIFIED ORGANIC/NATURAL GROWER/PRODUCER**

Growers/producers who wish to sell in this category must adhere to the following guidelines. "Natural foods" are foods that should be:

- Minimally processed and/or do not contain any food additives, or do not contain particular additives such as hormones, antibiotics, sweeteners, food colors or flavorings that were not originally in the food.
- Organic/Natural food is produced by farmers who emphasize the use of renewable resources and conservation of soil and water to enhance environmental quality for future generations.
- Organic/Natural meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy products come from animals that have not been given antibiotics or growth hormones.
- Organic/Natural food is produced without using conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation.

We will require all foods labeled Non-Certified Organic or Natural to sign the Non-Certified Organic/Natural Grower/Producer Pledge and be approved by Raytown Farmers' Market Jury prior to being allowed the right to use this term while a vendor at Raytown Farmers' Market.

Raytown Farmers' Market encourages all vendors in the Non-Certified Organic/Natural category to become a member of the KC Food Circle:

<http://www.kcfoodcircle.org/membership/grower-membership/>

### **PROCESSED GOODS**

Producers wishing to sell in this category must process all items in a certified commercial kitchen in accordance to the Jackson County Health Department requirements. Commodities for sale may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Hot prepared foods - Canned/frozen items (jams, jellies, salsa, condiments), pasta.
- Honey, granola, beverages, etc.

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

Artisans and crafters must produce their products. Work must be hand-created. Only the artisans displaying their own work may participate. All work must be pre-approved by the Raytown Market Board. Work must be appropriate for an open market.

Space for arts and crafts is limited to a 10 percent vendor ratio, unless a special Arts and Crafts Day is being held. Items that may be offered for sale in this category may include, but are not limited to: non-farm products such as soaps, deodorant, toothpaste, lotions, jewelry, paintings, knitted or crocheted items.

**SPECIALTY VENDORS**

Specialty vendors must produce or hand-craft their own products. Recycled or upcycled materials may be used. Space for specialty vendors is limited to a 10 percent vendor ratio.

Commodities offered for sale in this category may include, but are not limited to: environmental-based products such as rain barrels, decorative planters and containers; bird houses, bird feeders, bee hives and bat houses; and homemade dog treats.

**NOT FOR PROFIT GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Raytown Farmers' Market provides spaces at no charge to not-for-profit groups and organizations. The purpose of this is for the group or organization to promote awareness of their group. The group or organization must provide proof of the group or organization's not-for-profit status. Groups and organizations must follow the Raytown Market philosophy and educational goals. Not-for-profit groups and organizations space is limited to a 5 percent vendor ratio.

Each group or organization must reserve a space by no later than 12 p.m., the Wednesday before the Market Day, and must check in with the Market Manager prior to setup to receive their place assignment. Groups or organizations not receiving permission before set up may be asked to leave the market.

Groups and organizations may sell items; however, all items sold must meet market guidelines, and must be produced by the members of the group or organization.