



2026 Food Vendor Rules & Regulations

August 20-23, 2026 | Lexington Community Park | Lexington, OH

Please review these official Food Vendor Rules & Regulations before submitting an application. Participation is subject to Festival approval, assigned space, and compliance with all Festival requirements while on site.

Festival Hours: Thursday & Friday 4:30pm to 10:30pm | Saturday 11:00am to 11:00pm | Sunday 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Application Deadline: Before May 15, 2026

Setup: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 From 12:00pm - 3:00pm

FOOD TRUCKS / CONCESSIONS / STANDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OPEN AND MANNED DURING FESTIVAL HOURS.

Certificate of Liability Insurance is due no later than July 15, 2026. A signed waiver is required with application.

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1. Indemnification And Insurance

- Each vendor must maintain a minimum \$1,000,000.00 Certificate of Liability Insurance Policy covering bodily injury and property damage and agree to indemnify and hold the Lexington Blueberry Festival, the Village of Lexington, Ohio, and their officials, employees, agents, and sponsors harmless from claims related to the vendor business, employees, agents, or volunteers.
- The Certificate of Liability Insurance Policy must name the Lexington Blueberry Festival of Ohio and the Village of Lexington as Additional Insureds and must be submitted no later than July 15, 2026.
- A signed Liability Waiver must be submitted with the application.

2. Space Assignment, Pricing & Storage

- All booth spaces are 25 x 15 at \$800.00 each. Spaces beyond the standard 25 x 15 are booth-and-a-half spaces at \$1,200.00. Trailers, awnings, tables, grills, signs, and all equipment must fit within the purchased space.
- Storage trailer parking is available at \$50.00 per trailer and will not be adjacent to vendor space. Storage trailers will be parked at the village garage at the top of the hill.
- The Festival reserves the right to make final Food Vendor space assignments. No location is guaranteed from year to year, and no space may be sublet or transferred without permission.

3. Menu Requirements & Variety

- Each Food Vendor must offer at least one blueberry-related item for sale, subject to Festival approval.
- Efforts will be made to assure variety and avoid duplication. Previous participants receive application priority.

4. Health Licenses

- A Temporary Food Service License is required for Food Vendors not issued an annual mobile food license by an Ohio board of health. Temporary license applications must be submitted to Richland County Public Health. No applications will be accepted on-site the day of the event.
- All Food Vendors will be inspected by Richland County Public Health beginning at or around 11:00am on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Licenses must be displayed at the vending site throughout the event.
- Food Vendors may not sell food to the public until inspected by the Health Inspector.

5. Children's Activities: Gift Certificate Donations

- Food Vendors are asked to consider donating gift certificates of \$10.00 or more to be given as prizes during children's activities. The Festival can provide a blank certificate form, or vendors may provide their own.

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6. Signage

- Food Vendors are responsible for clean, attractive, properly installed signage identifying their booth, food items, and prices. Signage must fit within the purchased space and withstand high winds and weather. Nothing may be tied to trees, light poles, traffic signs, or similar structures. Political advertising is prohibited.

7. Personal Address Systems And Music

- Music may be broadcast inside booth space only if it does not carry into adjoining spaces or negatively impact entertainment events. All music must be family friendly. No live entertainment, bullhorns, megaphones, or barking are permitted.

8. Prohibited Items, Products, Material And Conduct

- The Festival is a family-oriented event. Obscene, vulgar, unsafe, or distasteful items, conduct, or displays are prohibited.
- Weapons, defense items, simulated weapons, smoke bombs, sparklers, canned string, laser pointers, drug paraphernalia, offensive shirts, alcohol, non-alcohol beer, or nuisance items are prohibited.

9. Trash/Recycling Removal And Waste Water Disposal

- Food Vendors must dispose of trash in designated areas and keep vending areas clean. Recycling, boxes, internal bagged trash, pallets, and debris must be removed by the Food Vendor at the close of the event.
- There is to be NO dumping of waste water or gray water except at the designated area and never during festival hours. Dumping elsewhere is grounds for dismissal, future exclusion, and billing for damages.

10. Set-Up, Tear Down, Clean-Up Fees And/OR Fines

- Set-up is Wednesday, August 19, 2026 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. No other setup times are available. Food vendors will be staged across the street from the community park and placed one at a time in assigned order.
- Tear-down is Sunday, August 23, 2026 after 5:00pm. If Sunday is used as a rain date for Saturday events, tear-down will take place after 10:30pm.
- Electrical connect or disconnect outside Wednesday setup times will incur an additional \$100.00 fee.
- No pressure washing is permitted on festival grounds or at Lexington Community Park. Damages to grass, landscaping, sidewalks, tents, generators, grounds, or festival-owned or leased equipment will be billed to the responsible Food Vendor.

Vendor Acknowledgment

I have opened, read, and reviewed these Food Vendor Rules & Regulations and agree to comply with all Festival requirements, posted instructions, contract terms, and Committee decisions.

Authorized Representative

Date