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BAD WEATHER MARKETS

TENT REQUIREMENTS, SET-UP STANDARDS & TIPS

Due to high winds and dangerous conditions, we may need to make the call to cancel the market. We are a rain or shine market, and do not take cancelling the market lightly, only doing so when vendor, volunteer and guest safety becomes compromised.

Wind is an ongoing factor at SWEFM, and in order to prevent injury or damage, we need all vendors to be 100% compliant and prepared when it comes to tents and take down safety. Please review the following Set-Up Standards and Emergency Take-Down Procedures at SWEFM and contact the market manager as soon as possible if you have any questions. We will be checking in with all vendors every week to ensure that all of the standards are met. Proper set-up means that we have the option of "bunkering down" for a short while and reopening if the storm is forecasted to quickly pass. Once the market is called off, however, you must IMMEDIATELY stop selling to customers as it is a hazard to have guests continue to shop in the market during an emergency take down.

SWEFM SET-UP STANDARDS:

WEIGHTS: At least 20 lbs of weight on EACH tent leg, preferably bungeed or ratcheted to the TOP of the tent.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR: You must be bungeed or ratcheted to your neighbour in order to keep our tent line secure and solid. If you have multiple stalls, tents must be secured together.

GLASS: If you have glass items, do not fully set-up your glass products on days when wind is in the forecast. This makes it less likely for items to break and easier to take down quickly.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED: String, twine, or shoelaces are NOT appropriate materials to affix weights, exterior signs, or tie together tents. Use bungee cords or ratchet straps which are stronger and easier to take down under pressure. Remember that vendors are required to bring their own bungees and ratchet straps to market.

TRUCKS AND VEHICLES: If you are by a vehicle, trailer or truck, use ratchet straps or bungee cords to tightly secure your tents to the vehicle. Neighbours, please allow fellow vendors to secure themselves to your vehicles.

STAFF: If you are not manning your tent at SWEFM, ensure your staff are aware of how to quickly and safely take down your tent in case of an emergency.

EMERGENCY TAKE-DOWN PROCEDURES:

WAIT FOR THE CALL: Before taking down your tent or disconnecting yourself from your neighbours, wait for the official call from Carley-Jane that the market is called off.

STOP SELLING IMMEDIATELY: Please let customers know that the market is closed due to safety concerns, and direct them to leave the market immediately (and come back next week!).

REMOVE ALL BREAKABLES: Quickly remove any glass objects or breakables from your display immediately.

HOLD DOWN THE TENTS: If tents are lifting, have one staff member or a SWEFM volunteer hold down the tent while you quickly pack up all of your belongings.

TAKE DOWN FROM THE OUTSIDE IN: Tents on the outside of the line come down first. Hold down your tent and do not remove weights or untie from your neighbours until the vendor on the outside of you has taken down their tent.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

We look forward to a summer of great, safe markets. We will continue to do our best to help you succeed at SWEFM this season. Hopefully it will be all sunshine, but it's best to be prepared!