

Effective Immediately... Due to recent severe weather situations, the Vandalia Community Farmers Market (VCFM) is installing the following procedures for ***severe weather incidents** that could influence market day activities.

- ◆ The VCFM will be **OPEN, RAIN OR SHINE**, there will be no cancellations of the VCFM. The market manager will be on site as scheduled to work with and assist vendors at the market.
- ◆ While we encourage your participation, rain or shine, we understand that some products will be/could be damaged if subjected to the elements, therefore, **you** will need to determine your participation under severe weather threats; we will not make that decision for you.
- ◆ Since the VCFM will be open rain or shine, **you will not need to text, call or email the market manager** with these questions. The market is open and **you make the determination on whether or not to attend**. This policy is only in effect during **severe weather situations**.
- ◆ Under conditions other than severe weather events, the VCFM committee is expecting you to participate. The following are not acceptable reasons to cancel your participation... heat, cold, sun, clouds, showers, sprinkles, wind or other minor forms of precipitation. And again, **IF** severe weather is forecasted, **YOU** must determine your participation. The market **WILL BE OPEN**.
- ◆ Vendors will be asked to set up in their regular booth space. If an adjustment in the layout is needed for convenience of consumers, the market manager **may** ask you to relocate prior to set-up.
- ◆ If the threat of severe weather is in the forecast, the VCFM committee reserves the right to cancel any planned entertainment and/or special events for safety reasons.



***Severe weather** refers to any dangerous meteorological phenomena with the potential to cause damage, serious social disruption, or loss of human life. Types of **severe weather** phenomena vary, depending on the latitude, altitude, topography, and atmospheric conditions. Examples of severe weather is (but not limited to...); high winds, hail, excessive precipitation, wildfires, thunderstorms, downbursts, lightning, tornadoes, waterspouts, tropical cyclones, hurricanes and extratropical cyclones. Regional and seasonal **severe weather** phenomena can also include blizzards, snowstorms, ice storms, and dust storms.