

Tomato Festival Vendor Rules

The 26th Annual Grainger County Tomato Festival will be July 27, 28 and 29, 2018. It will again be held at Rutledge Elementary and Rutledge Middle Schools and surrounding areas.

Festival hours are Friday, noon - 8 pm, Saturday, 8 am-7 pm, and Sunday noon until 5 p.m. If you cannot have your booth set up and open during the entire festival, please do not submit an application.

Set-up days are Thursday, July 26 and Friday Morning July 27 until noon. If you plan on setting up on Thursday, please let your area chairman know so someone can be there to assist you with your space. It is difficult to move vehicles around when early shopping begins at noon on Friday. If you contact your booth chairman it is possible to set up as early as Wednesday. We will NOT be adding additional spaces to accommodate last minute vendors or those who forgot to mail in their applications. Booth spaces are 12ft x 12 ft areas. Please reserve the appropriate amount of space to accommodate your exhibit. Confirmation for booth spaces will be sent out by the first week of July.

Vendor Rules and Regulations

1. Vendors are required to stay in their assigned booth location. It is very important that we can reach you in the event of an overnight emergency on the festival grounds.
2. NO drugs or alcohol are permitted at the festival.
3. NO bikes, skates, skateboards or scooters are allowed.
4. Set up begins all day Thursday, July 26 and Friday July 27 until noon.
5. You are responsible for all taxes and fees that you are required to collect.
6. You are expected to keep a lookout for anyone in distress or in need of medical assistance, especially during the hottest part of the days. Qualified medical care will be available during the festival hours.
7. You are expected to keep the area in and around your booth clean & litter free.
8. With the exception of Honda generators, NO other generators are allowed in the festival without permission of the area coordinator.

9. The festival is a 3-day event (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and all vendors and demonstrators are expected to remain on the grounds for the entire time. If you cannot be open during the entire festival times, please do not submit an application, as we have to turn away applicants each year that are able to keep their booths open for the entire time.
10. We provide the 12 x 12 space for your booth. You must provide your own tent or canopy, chairs, etc. It will be hot, and there is always the chance of an evening thunderstorm.
11. We have restroom facilities when the festival is open, but due to school regulations, the Festival cannot provide these services overnight. There are port-a-toilets available on the Festival grounds around the clock. If you have a self-contained camper, check with us if you wish to camp out on the festival grounds. We can provide a list of area campgrounds in the area if needed.
12. Parking will be assigned upon arrival if you have a camper.
13. No electricity is available in the craft and commercial areas. Electricity is available ONLY in the food booths.
14. All booths must be claimed by noon on Friday, July 27. Unclaimed booths will be for rent by the festival and the deposit will be forfeited by the absent exhibitor. Any cancellation must be received by June 30 to receive a refund. No refunds after 6/30.
15. The festival is an outdoor event. Vendors, prepare accordingly. Extreme heat, wind, rain and other inclement weather conditions are possible.
16. The Grainger County Tomato Festival, including, but not limited to those associated with the festival, are not responsible for any injury, damages or losses incurred before, during and after the event.
17. All exhibitors must check in with the Booth chairman prior to setting up. A festival official will direct you to your space if needed. If you have special needs setting up or wish to set up beside someone, please write it on your application.
18. Only the Rutledge Lions Club has the right to use the Grainger County Tomato Festival logo on T-shirts. No other shirts with the logo can be sold.