

THE ERRINGTON FARMERS MARKET SOCIETY

FOOD NUTRITION PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY

This Program is financed through the Ministry of Health and administered by the BC Farmers Market Association and known as the Nutrition Coupon Program. The EFM receives funds each year to reimburse vendors who participate in the program.

Only Vendors who sell ***fresh or certain prepared foods*** (qualifying foods are identified by the Nutrition Program) may enroll in the program. More information on this program is available on the BC Farmers Association website.

Only *shoppers* who have qualified for this subsidy, as per the Nutrition Coupon Program, can use coupons as payment for foodstuffs. *****Vendors cannot re-use coupons issued as payment, to make other purchases.*****

PROCEDURE

- Registered Vendors will post a sign on their stall, to identify that they are participants, and will accept coupons as payment for foodstuffs. No change can be given if the amount of coupons exceeds the cost of the item(s) purchased.
- Each week, participating Vendors will redeem all Nutrition Coupons that they have received that week. Coupons cannot be 'stockpiled'.
- The coupons must be redeemed **every week** as the Market Manager must report the number of coupons received, to the Nutrition Coupon Program as well as return all 'spent' coupons.
- Redeem coupons at the Manager's table from 12:00-1:00.
- Redemption slips should be fully completed by the vendor before going to the manager's table to help make this procedure efficient for all.
- Reimbursement will be made in the following ways: up to \$20 paid in cash; more than \$20 paid by cheque or E-mail.
- *****Participating Vendors must comply with this Food Coupon Procedure to maintain eligibility in the Program. Decisions to rescind eligibility, may be reviewed by the Market Manager and the Market Board.*****