



April 17-18, 2026 Gardendale Civic Center Complex Food Vendor Terms and Conditions

Gardendale Magnolia Festival (GMF) invites you to participate in the 25th Annual Gardendale Magnolia Festival on April 17-18, 2026. We look forward to having you join us for The Total Family Experience.

Please read and **SAVE a copy** of the following Terms and Conditions. Your signature on the food vendor application will be required to indicate you have read and agree to abide by these terms and conditions. **Read closely as there are many updates this year.**

CONTACT FOR ALL FOOD VENDOR QUESTIONS:

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Application Deadline: The application deadline is **February 24, 2026**.

VENDOR SELECTION

1. **Vendor Selection:** GMF is a nonprofit and reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, and at any time, any exhibit or product which, in its opinion, is objectionable or in conflict with GMF's family-oriented standards.
2. **Application Process:** Application postmark deadline is **February 24, 2026**. Application does not guarantee acceptance.
3. **New Vendors:** If you are new to GMF, email 2 pictures of your food vendor tent/trailer/food truck to MagFestFoodTrucksGdale@gmail.com BEFORE mailing your application for review.
4. **Confirmation:** Once your application has been accepted, you will receive an email confirmation.
5. **Friday Vending:** Limited availability to vend on Friday. All accepted applications participate on Saturday. Email MagFestFoodTrucksGdale@gmail.com if you are a first-time vendor before applying for Friday night participation to inquire with 2 pictures.

FOOD VENDOR AREA SIZE

1. **Base Size:** Base size is 12' long x 10' wide with options for additional paid space as listed on application to accommodate food trucks and trailers.
2. **Location:** All food vendor spaces are outside.
3. **Assignment:** Exact location assignments will be on a map and given on registration day.

FEES

Space Fee: One 12'x10' space: **\$175 per day**. Additional adjoining 12'x10' space: \$100 per day. *Credit card payments accepted; email us for an invoice.*

ELECTRICITY/WATER

Source: No electricity or water is available. Please provide your own source. We do allow gas generators **IF they are not extremely loud and do NOT emit smoke**. Battery-powered silent generators are best.

VENDOR SET UP

1. **Registration:** April 17 (Friday) 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or April 18 (Saturday) 6:00 AM - 8:30 AM inside Gardendale Civic Center (blue roof) 857 Main Street. **DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION TO THIS ADDRESS. The mailing address for paper applications is: 1034 Main St #161, Gardendale, AL 35071.** No drop offs.
2. **Tax Envelopes:** Tax envelopes must be turned in at the registration table inside the civic center starting at 4:00 PM on Saturday. City taxes **MUST** be turned in by 5:30 PM on Saturday, April 18.

Food Vendor Terms and Conditions (continued)

TAXES AND COMPLIANCE

1. **Taxes:** Vendors are responsible for paying their own Gardendale, Jefferson County, and Alabama sales tax. Respective envelopes will be provided in your registration packet.
2. **City Taxes:** City taxes **MUST** be remitted before leaving Saturday. You can mail county and state taxes yourselves, if you choose, but all three envelopes must be filled out and turned in. Call the tax collections office at 205-631-8789 if you have further questions about remitting taxes. Even if you did not collect taxes, the envelopes must be turned in empty with your contact info written on them.
3. **BUSINESS LICENSE PACKET:** To comply with City of Gardendale licensing requirements, all vendors must complete the **Mobile Food Vendor Application Packet** from the City. Details on how to obtain this packet will be provided in the application materials.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. **Compliance:** Vendors must comply with all Jefferson County Health Dept regulations for preparation, delivery to site and serving of foods.
2. **Food List:** A list of **ALL** food sold in your booth space must be listed on the provided Health Department Menu List.
3. A copy of a health department inspection certificate from **the food truck's operating county** will be required. **The certificate must display the food truck's score, not the commissary location score.** Food vendors lacking a county health department inspection certificate cannot be accepted due to liability.

FIRE/SAFETY/SMOKING (Updated)

1. **Fire Codes:** All City of Gardendale's fire codes and safety regulations will be enforced.
2. **Fire Marshal:** We require on-site Fire Marshal inspections. We recommend you contact him in advance for inquiries. Adam Crain 205-285-7137
3. **Smoking:** Smoking or any use of tobacco *or vaping* is not permitted anywhere near food trucks/tents or where customers are being served. Please abide by the City of Gardendale's smoking ordinance 2005-21.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

- **Inclement Weather:** This is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be given for inclement weather.
- **General Cancellations:** No refund is given for general cancellation requests. If you feel your situation is unique, you may contact GMF in writing via email at MagFestFoodTrucksGdale@gmail.com.

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I/we agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Gardendale Magnolia Festival, Inc., the City of Gardendale, AL, their respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and musical artists from any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees) arising from or relating to my/our participation in the Gardendale Magnolia Festival. This includes any claims arising from my/our negligence, breach of contract, or any other act or omission on my/our part.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Security:** GMF and the City of Gardendale will not be held responsible for any items left overnight. We will have security walking through the grounds overnight Friday, but the ultimate responsibility is yours.
2. **Non-Discrimination:** GMF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, religion or disability.