



## Weather Guidelines for the Innisfil Farmers Market, for Visitors and Vendors

We take the Safety of our visitors, volunteers and vendors in the Market pretty seriously. We try to avoid any harmful incidents with good planning. This being said the weather is one thing out of our control and for anyone who lives here in Ontario knows the weather can change rapidly from a sunny day to a downpour, sometimes with wind and lightening.

If it is raining, please bring your umbrella and stroll between the raindrops, our Market will be OPEN! Vendors are expected to come and set up Rain or Shine! Our produce vendors work rain or shine and so do we. However, if the rain is coming along with a good dose of thunder and lightning, our first priority is to make sure everyone is safe. If you are planning out your visit and severe weather is in the forecast, make sure to check our Facebook page or listen to Kool 107.5 FM for updates. We will post any weather announcements there. If you are in the Market when weather is an issue, or weather is a concern, please follow these guidelines:

- ➔ For the threat of Lightning, people in the Market will be asked to move to shelter in the Innisfil Recreation Centre or directed to their vehicles until the storm has passed.
- ➔ If an extended period of time longer than 30 minutes have passed and the storm continues and/ or the Market Manager can verify an extended storm cell's presence exceeding the remaining open hours of the market, The Market will be closed for the day. This information will be passed via our Social media outlets
- ➔ In the instance that a severe weather event has occurred prior to Market opening (ie: Tornado event) then the Market Manager will close the Market for the day and post the information on Facebook and Kool 107.5 FM.
- ➔ Our Vendors are always expected for rain events, however if at any time they feel unsafe they are always welcome to pack up and leave at their discretion during a valid weather concern.

Hopefully these safety steps will be rarely used. In the event they are, your attention to the guidelines will help get everything into order quickly, so once the weather passes, we can pick up where we left off!

The Innisfil Farmers Market Committee