

WAC 246-780-028 What is expected of an authorized grower or an authorized farm store? The authorized grower or authorized farm store must:

- (1) Comply with the FMNP requirements and the terms and conditions of the contract;
- (2) Accept training and technical assistance on FMNP requirements and ensure that all persons working or volunteering with the authorized grower or at the authorized farm store at the location(s) specified in the contract are trained as well. Training may be provided by either a farmers' market manager or the department and includes, but is not limited to: Eligible foods, check processing and redemption procedures, civil rights requirements and the complaint process;
- (3) Be held accountable regarding FMNP purchases and requirements for the actions of all persons working or volunteering with the authorized grower or at the authorized farm store at the location(s) specified in the contract;
- (4) Accept FMNP checks only for eligible foods;
- (5) Accept FMNP checks only at authorized farmers' markets or at authorized farm stores at the location(s) specified in the contract;
- (6) Accept FMNP checks within the valid dates of the FMNP and redeem checks by the date imprinted on the check;
- (7) Display the "WIC Farmers' Market Checks Welcome Here" sign when selling eligible foods at authorized farmers' markets and authorized farm stores;
- (8) Provide clients with the full amount of product for the value of each FMNP check;
- (9) Charge clients the same prices as other customers;
- (10) Make produce available to clients that is the same quality as that offered to other customers;
- (11) Comply with federal and state nondiscrimination laws;
- (12) Treat clients as courteously as other customers;
- (13) Cooperate with department staff in monitoring for compliance with FMNP requirements and provide information on request;
- (14) Reimburse the department for mishandled FMNP checks;
- (15) Not collect sales tax on FMNP check purchases;
- (16) Not seek reimbursement from clients for checks not paid by the department;
- (17) Not give cash back for purchases less than the value of the FMNP checks; and
- (18) Not trade, barter or otherwise use farmers' market checks to purchase foods from other growers or pay for market fees or other business costs.

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