Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
Participant Rights and Responsibilities

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides fresh fruit and vegetables to lower-income seniors with the goal of improving their health and nutritional status. It also supports local farming by increasing the use of farmers markets and roadside stands. It is funded in part by USDA federal funding.

Your Rights

As an applicant/participant of Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program you have the right:

- **to be treated with dignity, respect and without discrimination;**
- **to be notified in writing within 15 days of application if you are not determined eligible;**
- **to appeal an ineligibility decision if you feel that determination was made in error;**
- **to have information you provided kept private unless you request for it to be shared;**
- **to make a complaint if you feel you have not been treated fairly;**
- **to have clear directions of how and where to use the checks you receive;**
- **to learn about other services that may be available to you. You may contact Senior Information & Assistance if you wish to find out about other services for seniors in your area.**

Your Responsibilities

As an applicant/participant of Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program you have the responsibility:

- **to give correct information to the best of your knowledge to determine eligibility;**
- **to understand that giving false information and/or intentionally concealing facts could result in your paying back benefits or legal action;**
- **to understand that attempting to collect benefits more than once or at multiple distribution sites during a season will result in termination from the program;**
- **to consume the fresh produce obtained through this program yourself;**
- **to safeguard the checks you recieve. Please report if they are lost or stolen to the agency who issued your checks. They can not be replaced.**
- **to redeem your checks with an Authorized Farmer between June 1 and October 31.**
- **to understand that funding is limited for this program and it is served on a first come, first served basis until funding runs out.**

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