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New policy on securing tents

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Farm to City requires all producers to secure tents with weights or ropes to prevent accidents. This must be the first thing that is done, immediately after the tent(s) is set up. Vendors who do not come to market equipped with proper weights or ropes will not be allowed to set up a tent. No excuses.

Specifications:

Weights: must weigh at least 25 lbs. each and be secured to each tent leg or where two legs meet. For one 10x10 tent this means 4 weights, each weighing 25 lbs. or more. For two 10x10 tents this means 6 weights. Weights must be securely fastened to the tent leg or frame. Dumbbells or other household items loosely tied to the leg are not acceptable. Simply laying a weight on the small "foot" of the tent leg is also not acceptable. In the event that any vendor's tent is moved away from its original position or tipped over by the wind, and had not been secured as described above, that vendor will be barred from any further participation in Farm to City markets.

Ropes: vendors who choose to use ropes or straps to secure their tents must be confident in the ability of their system. Any vendor whose tent is strapped down and is moved away from its original position or tipped over by the wind, will be barred from any further participation in Farm to City markets.

High winds: in the event of very high winds, Farm to City reserves the right to not allow vendors to set up tents or to take down tents after they have been set up. We also encourage vendors to use their own discretion to operate without tents if they judge conditions to be too windy.

Vendors have until this Saturday 11/8 to equip themselves appropriately. Any vendor who is not prepared by this Saturday will have to operate without a tent until they are able to properly secure their tent(s).

We strongly encourage each vendor to speak with his or her insurance agent to find out if his or her current liability coverage is adequate to cover the liability of an accident involving a tent at market.