

Afro-Carib Fest 2026
VENDOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1. To secure your vendor space, complete the vendor application form and submit with full payment made to Heritage Skills Development Centre.
2. There are a limited number of vendor spaces available. **Spaces are on a first come first served basis. No applications will be considered final until full payment has been received. Deposits or partial payments are not accepted. Note: we often get full months before the festival.
3. **Vendor Spaces are allocated and assigned at the discretion of the organizers as well as to ensure that various vendors are spread out. Once assigned vendors cannot move spaces.**
4. **All fees are non-refundable.** To be considered for Early Bird pricing, your payment must be received by 5:00 pm on May 31st, 2026.
5. **Electricity is only provided for FOOD VENDORS.** FOOD TRUCKS will need to have their own electricity source.
6. ACF organizers reserve the right to prohibit display and/or distribution of materials deemed illegal, obscene, or otherwise offensive.
7. Vendor booth displays and equipment shall not extend into the aisles, including all signs, banners, equipment, etc. All concessions, including food preparations must be confined within the assigned booth space.
8. ACF assumes no responsibility for sales nor inclement weather, nor does it guarantee attendance.
9. All vendors must have their booth area open and occupied during the hours of the festival. By agreeing to participate in the ACF, vendors are expected to stay until the end of the festival.
10. Vendors are not allowed to sell any products or services outside of their exhibit space without permission from the organizers. Failure to comply will result in immediate booth closure.
11. City regulations prohibit metal bottle caps and wooden skewers from being discarded within the park grounds. Instead, these items must be removed by the vendors at the time of purchase.
12. Vendors agree to accept full responsibility for all materials and goods which they sell, use, or display in the booth area.
13. **Vendors are required to bring their own tent, tables, and chairs.** There is an additional fee for displaying larger tents (10' x 20' space; vendors must pay specified amount for their booth). Any vendor that sets up additional space outside of the contract will be asked to immediately shut down without refund.
14. All vendors must staff their booth during operating hours. ACF does not accept

responsibility for any vendors' possessions left onsite for the duration of the festival.

15. The festival is a "rain or shine" outdoor event. Be prepared.
16. Vendors are required to bring their own dolly or moving apparatuses.
17. Any booths/trucks that are not registered with ACF will be denied entry.
18. Vendors are responsible for securing loose cables and cords to prevent tripping hazards.
19. Failure to comply with the terms of these guidelines may result in loss of vendor privileges at ACF without refund.

FEES AND CANCELLATIONS

1. All fees must be made payable to Heritage Skills Development Centre
2. Non-sufficient fund cheques will be levied a \$45 service charge.
3. No cancellations are permitted once vendors agree to participate. **There will no refunds under any circumstance.**
4. Cash, certified cheques, money orders or bank drafts or e-transfers will only be accepted.

SECURITY

1. Security will be provided during the festival operations including overnight; however, the concessions, inventory, and products are the sole responsibility of the vendor
2. Additional short-term liability insurance can be purchased from an insurance provider of your choice. It is the vendor's responsibility to have personal and/or business insurance coverage. Please contact the ACF organizers if you require additional information.
3. Vendors are responsible for assuming the risk of their own operations and equipment. ACF will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
4. Barricades and fences are put in place by ACF staff in consultation with the City. They must not be altered in any way.

EQUIPMENT

1. Vendors must supply their own tents/canopies, tables, and chairs.
2. All coverings must be securely anchored with sandbags or weights. As per City of Toronto Parks regulations, there is to be no staking into the ground to secure coverings or displays, under any circumstances.
3. Stereo systems, speakers, microphones, loudspeakers, or any other equipment that amplifies sound are not permitted at any time during the festival.
4. Displays and booth elements are restricted to placement within the exact dimensions of your selected booth. This includes, but is not restricted to:

condiment stands, garment racks, signage, standees, and A-frame signs.

SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN

1. Set up will take place on Friday August 21st, 2026. Upon arrival at the festival, all vendors must check in with ACF Staff to obtain exact space that has been pre assigned before setting up. Vendors will receive an assigned load-in time prior to the festival. Vendors who arrive outside of their dedicated load-in time window without prior confirmation will load supplies after all scheduled load-ins have been completed.
2. All food vendor equipment must be loaded into the park no later than August 22nd, 2026, at 8:30 am.
3. **No vehicle will be permitted in the park after 9:00 am on festival days. All vehicles must be removed from the site immediately after loading.**
4. **TAKE DOWN** will be on August 23rd, 2026, at 9:00 pm.

PARKING

1. There is free parking available for all vendors and attendees. Parking passes for vendors will be provided upon check on set up day
2. Only a time-limited number of vehicles will be allowed on site for purposes of loading/unloading and must be removed within 30 minutes. Vehicles left for a longer period in the loading zone will be ticketed.

CLEANING AND WASTE DISPOSAL

1. All vendors are responsible for keeping their concession and surrounding area tidy and free of litter. Vendors are responsible for maintaining cleanliness and sanitation of their booth, including food preparation areas.
2. Vendors must provide their own heavy duty garbage bags and must place garbage and broken-down boxes in the designated area. Inappropriate disposal of garbage will result in a \$500 charge.
3. The food vendor's clean-up fee of \$150 will be reimbursed upon satisfactory inspection of their concession and surrounding area by the ACF organizers. This deposit will not be refunded if there have been any violations committed by the vendor at any point during the festival.
4. All trash must be placed in appropriate containers, dumpsters or bins provided.
5. All vendors using wooden skids or pallets must take them back after the festival. These skids or pallets should not be left in the park or thrown in the garbage bin or surrounding bushes.
6. FOOD Vendors must dispose of their grease, waste and leftovers appropriately
7. A penalty will be charged for any equipment, property or items left behind in the park after the designated load-out times. Such a penalty can restrict a vendor

from future vendor privileges at ACF.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS: FOOD VENDORS

1. It is **MANDATORY** that all food vendor application forms be accompanied by a completed Temporary Food Establishment Form. This form will be sent to relevant applicants once Toronto Public Health releases our custom event link.
2. All food concessions will be subject to inspection at the discretion of the Public Health Department. It is at the discretion of the Toronto Public Health Officer to remove any food vendors in non-compliance with the Food and Safety Guidelines.
3. Food vendors must bring their own plastic jugs with spigots or similar equipment to hold portable water for use while in the park.
4. It is the responsibility of each vendor to leave with, and properly dispose of, hazardous waste materials such as grease, oil, fuel, propane tanks and other fuel canisters. **NO GREASE, OIL, LEFTOVER FOOD OR DIRTY WATER SHOULD BE POURED ON THE GRASS.**
5. Food vendors are required to have a plank or board under all cooking surfaces to prevent grease spills. This is mandatory as per Toronto Public Health guidelines.