Sequim Open Aire Market
2011 Booth Weights/Safety Agreement

Please read the following information regarding the correct weight and installation of booth weights required for all SOAM vendors. Noncompliance will require your corrective action in order to continue vending. If found not to be in compliance on the next Market day, you will not be allowed to vend.

Whether you are attending SOAM or any other event, it is always good to follow these instructions.

The following canopy safety information is taken from the Washington State Farmers Market Association's Canopy Safety 101, “Your Guide to Canopy Safety at Washington’s Farmers Markets.” The SOAM Board has increased the weight from the WSFMA recommended 24 lbs. to a minimum of 30 lbs. for a margin of safety, considering the propensity for strong wind gusts in Sequim. for more information, go to www.wafarmersmarkets.com/resources/canopysafety101.html.

**Basic Installation:**

1. **Each** leg of your canopy/tent must have 30 lbs. min. weights attached.

2. Each weight is to be attached by a rope, stretched tight, or suspended off the ground. The full, downward hanging force of 30 lbs. is required for each leg. A slack rope is unacceptable.

3. All weights must be secured to your tent leg with a bungee cord or rope at the bottom to keep the weight tight against the tent leg.

4. Use strong rope to suspend your weight. Bungee cord material cannot be used to hang the weight.

The above is very simple, but very important for your safety, the safety of your neighbor vendors and customers! You are liable for damages your booth may cause others vendors.

If you are unable to make proper weights, SOAM has them available for purchase. Each set includes one 30 lb. weight with an eye hook, 10’ of rope and a bungee cord for the bottom. Weight kits are sold for $\text{(tbd)}$ ea.( or $\text{(tbd)}$ for a set of 4 and can be ordered through the Market Booth.

SOAM appreciates your support, understanding and compliance. This is a serious matter. SOAM is requiring all vendors come into compliance by the first outdoor SOAM event. Non-compliant repeaters will not be allowed to continue vending.

*Please retain this copy for your records and referral.*