



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## **Vernon Social Services has Farmers' Market Vouchers Available for Income-Eligible Vernon Residents 60 or Older**

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – The Vernon Social Services Department has vouchers that will allow people to obtain farm fresh produce for free or at a reduced cost. The coupon books are available to income eligible Vernon residents who are 60 or older.

To be eligible, individuals must have an income of less than \$23,828 and married couples must have a combined income of less than \$32,227.

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture Program that is administered in Connecticut by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. Locally, the Vernon Social Services Department distributes the vouchers to eligible seniors.

**For information about Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers, please contact the Vernon Social Services Department at 860-870-3661.**

"Connecticut grown fruits and vegetables are a great source of healthy nutrition and farmers' markets are an ideal way to connect our residents to farm-fresh produce," Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. "It's also a great way to support our local farmers. I encourage eligible Vernon residents to contact our Social Services Department for a coupon book."

Qualified residents will receive a coupon book that can be used to purchase fruit, vegetables, fresh cut herbs or honey, according to program guidelines.

"Good nutrition is critical to overall health," said Matt Hellman, Vernon's Director of Social Services. "We know that many seniors struggle each month to pay for housing, medication and other expenses. These vouchers help seniors purchase fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables."

Coupons can be used at the following authorized Farmer's Market Nutrition Program sites:

**Coventry-Nathan Hale Homestead**

Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
2299 South Street  
coventryfarmersmarket.org

**Ellington-Arbor Park**

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon  
31 Arbor Way  
Ellingtonfarmersmarket.com

**South Windsor**

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
220 Ayers Road

**Stafford Springs-Sun Valley**

Monday and Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.  
51 Old Springfield Road

**Manchester MACC**

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
766 Hillstown Road

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Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Main and Forest streets

**Mansfield-Riverview Farm Stand**

Monday and Wednesday - Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m.  
185 Stafford Road

**Storrs-Mansfield Town Hall**

Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m.  
4 South Eagleville Road  
storrsfarmersmarket.org

**Tolland**

Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon  
1032 Tolland Stage Road

**About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in "New England's Knowledge Corridor" with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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