



# TOWN OF VERNON

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

### *Coupon Book can be Used at Qualifying Farmers' Markets Near Vernon*

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – The Vernon Social Services Department has vouchers available for people 60 and older and who meet income eligibility requirements. The vouchers can be used at area farmers' markets, including those in Ellington, South Windsor, Stafford, Tolland and Manchester.

To be eligible, individuals must have an income of not more than \$25,142. Households with two adults must have a combined income of not more than \$33,874.

The supplemental food program provides eligible seniors with coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs and honey at authorized farmers' markets. The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

"Farm-fresh produce is a great source of nutrition and buying direct ensures freshness and helps our farmers," Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. "I encourage Vernon residents who are eligible for these vouchers to contact the Social Services Department."

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

Qualified residents will receive a coupon book they can use to make purchases at eligible farmers' markets.

"Good nutrition is incredibly important to a person's overall health," said Matt Hellman, Vernon's Social Services Director. "We know that some seniors struggle to pay housing, medication and other expenses. These vouchers can be a big help and we urge seniors to contact us."

Vouchers can be used at approved farmers' market locations, including these that are nearby:

**Coventry**

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Hale Homestead, 2299 South Street  
June 5 to Oct. 30

**Ellington**

Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon  
Main Street, Arbor Park  
May 7 to Oct. 29

**Manchester**

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
1088 Main Street  
July 9 to Oct. 29

**South Windsor**

Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon  
220 Nevers Road  
June 4 to Oct. 8

**Stafford**

Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.  
51 Old Springfield Road  
May 27 to Sept. 16

**Stafford**

Carr Family Farm  
Open 7 days, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
6 Gulf Road  
April 2 to Oct. 30

**Tolland**

Sunday, 10 a.m. to noon  
The Country Butcher  
1032 Tolland Stage Road  
May 7 to Nov. 19

A complete list of eligible farmers' markets can be found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOAG/ADaRC/Farmers-Markets/2022/SFMNP-Authorized-Locations.pdf>

**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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