

# ROADSIDE STANDS



## What are roadside stands?

A roadside stand is a structure that holds and displays agricultural products for sale outdoors. Food growers utilize roadside stands to sell their agricultural products from their private property directly to consumers.

### Where are roadside stands permitted?

Roadside stands are permitted throughout Saanich in urban residential and agricultural zones, as well as a variety of 'public' zones, including churches, schools, community centres, etc.

Check the District of Saanich Zoning Bylaw for permitted zones. Roadside stand sales are considered as 'Accessory Produce Sale' through the District of Saanich [Zoning Bylaw](#).

### What products can be sold?

Food permitted for sale at roadside stands includes fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables, apiary products, trees and forest products, forages and sod crops, grains and seed crops, eggs, and local ornamental and greenhouse products, and other value-added agricultural products that are not capable of supporting the growth of disease-causing organisms or the production of toxins.

### Can I sell products from other locations?

Agricultural zones (A-Zones) are permitted to sell products from other agricultural (A-zoned) properties. All other zones are only permitted to sell food that has been produced on the same lot.

## Size & Siting Permissions

	A-Zones	All Other Zones
<b>Floor Area</b>	Up to 12.0 m <sup>2</sup> (129 ft <sup>2</sup> ).	Up to 3.0 m <sup>2</sup> (32.1 ft <sup>2</sup> ).
<b>Height</b>	N/A	Up to 1.8 m (5.9 ft)
<b>Setback</b>	At least 7.5 m (24.6 ft) from a front, rear and exterior lot line, or 3.0 m (9.8 ft) from an interior side lot line.	At least 0.6 m (1.9 m) from any lot line.
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Permitted one roadside stand per lot.</li><li>A building permit is required for any roadside stand 10 m<sup>2</sup> or larger.</li><li>The roadside stand must be at least 1.0 m (3.2 ft) away from any fire hydrant.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Permitted one roadside stand per lot.</li><li>The roadside stand must be placed in the front yard.</li><li>A building permit is not required.</li><li>The roadside stand must be at least 1.0 m (3.2 ft) away from any fire hydrant.</li></ul>



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## Signs

- ▶ One sign smaller than 0.185 m<sup>2</sup> is allowed if it is attached to the roadside stand.
- ▶ For larger or detached signs, a sign permit will be required.
- ▶ More information on obtaining a sign permit can be found at:  
[Sign Permit Application | District of Saanich](#)
- ▶ **Questions regarding sign permits?**  
e. [planning@saanich.ca](mailto:planning@saanich.ca)  
t. 250-475-5471

## Business Licence

- ▶ An annual Saanich business licence is required for all accessory produce sales through roadside stands.
- ▶ There is no cost for a business licence for accessory produce sales.
- ▶ More information on obtaining a business licence can be found at:  
[Business Licences | District of Saanich](#)
- ▶ **Questions regarding the Business Licence?**  
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## Health & Safety

- ▶ Sell lower-risk agricultural products only. See the District of Saanich [definition for lower-risk agricultural products](#). If you're unsure about a product, contact your Local Health Authority.
- ▶ Ensure your roadside stand is kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
- ▶ Regularly disinfect all surfaces, including shelves, display units, bins, and equipment.
- ▶ Dispose of any spoiled or unsellable food promptly.
- ▶ Practice hygienic harvesting and food handling techniques.
- ▶ Consider clearly labelling products with names and ingredient descriptions.
- ▶ Cover products to protect food from contamination, dust, and pests.
- ▶ Use shade structures to protect food from direct sunlight.
- ▶ Consider providing hand disinfectant to customers.
- ▶ Display your business licence on or near your roadside stand.

**Other Questions?** Contact Saanich Planning.

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