



Frequently Asked Questions

When can I start setting up? Do I need to check in?

Booth set up may begin at 2 a.m. on Saturday, September 9. There is no official check-in point. Booths will be marked, so once you find your space, start unloading. Please respect other vendors and limit the time your loading vehicle is on the street. Unload, park, then set up. Volunteers will deliver vendor packets starting at 6 a.m.

Why can't I start setting up on Friday night?

Because part of our festival grounds are a state highway, we are prohibited from closing the streets for more than one day. Please respect this and come no earlier than 2 a.m. on Saturday.

When do loading vehicles have to be off the street?

7 a.m. on Saturday, September 10. This is to help keep everyone safe. Many shoppers arrive early, so be prepared for sales before the official opening time.

Where can vendors park?

On side streets (except by meters with "No Parking" signs on them) In city parking ramps or lots at these locations (and they're FREE!):

- 12th & Main
- 11th & 1st
- 13th & Main
- 13th & 1st
- 10th & Main
- 13th & Dakota
- 10th & 1st

*Please DO NOT park in private parking lots or on Phillips Avenue

Will there be coffee for vendors?

Yes! Volunteers will be delivering coffee throughout the festival grounds starting at 7 a.m.

Are booth sitters available?

Yes! Festival Staff will be available to cover your booth if needed. Just call or text the "Hospitality Hotline" – see your vendor packet at the festival for more info.

I'm a Fine Artist. When will I receive my artwork label for the Juried Fine Art Awards?

The artwork label will be included in the vendor packet that a festival volunteer will deliver to your booth between 6 and 8 a.m. the morning of the festival.

How much is sales tax?

The rates are 7.7% for Arts & Crafts and 8.7% for prepared food. All vendors, including non-profit organizations, are required to submit a sales tax form to the SD Dept. of Revenue. A form will be included in your vendor packet.

Is the Sidewalk Arts Festival smoke-free?

Yes. The festival is a smoke-free event! As a courtesy to customers and your fellow vendors, please do not smoke on the festival grounds, including in or around your booth.

Where can I find the Information Booth? First Aid?

The Pavilion Information booth is located at the southwest corner of 11th & Main. Lost children can find help here. Our festival EMT can be found in the Pavilion's loading dock at the corner of 11th & Dakota.

Where are public toilets?

- On Main Avenue, near the First Interstate Bank driveway
- At the intersection of 11th Street and Minnesota Avenue
- Near the intersection of 11th Street and Dakota Avenue
- At the intersection of 12th Street and Dakota Avenue
- Inside the Washington Pavilion

When can I start packing up my booth?

5 p.m. – Vehicles are not allowed in the festival area until 5:15 p.m. to allow time for crowds to clear. Please do NOT park in the middle of the road as you pack up. Pack up everything, then go get your vehicle. Please drive slowly and carefully, as there are still many pedestrians walking through the festival.

Where do I throw away trash?

Garbage can be thrown in the dumpster below the First Interstate Bank parking ramp. Recycling and trash can be put in the containers just south of the Pavilion by the parking lot. Please refrain from using the smaller receptacles, as they are meant for festival customers and fill up quickly. There will be a \$50 fine for any trash that is left in your booth space. Please do your part to help us keep the festival area clean!

Can I bring my pet to the festival?

We discourage bringing pets to the festival because of the large crowds. Please leave pets at home.