

## Quick Summary: How the Switchboard Works

Welcome to the Local Food Switchboard. Here's what to know before you get started:

### What the Switchboard is

- A tool to **find, share, and coordinate** information about local food system resources.
- A place to **connect with others** (farmers, schools, buyers, distributors, and more).

### What the Switchboard is *not*

- Not a marketplace or broker
- Not involved in payments, pricing, or delivery
- Not responsible for transactions or outcomes

Any agreements or sales happen **directly between users**, outside the platform.

### Accounts and posting

- Anyone can **search and browse** without an account.
- You need an account to **post, message, or manage a profile**.
- You're responsible for what you post and keeping it accurate.

### Accuracy and verification

- Information may be **user-submitted or out of date**.
- Always **confirm details offline** before making decisions.

### Respectful use

- Be honest, respectful, and lawful.
- No harassment, false listings, or misuse of data.

### Moderation

- The Switchboard team may remove content or suspend accounts that violate the rules.

### Responsibility and compliance

- Users are responsible for meeting **food safety, licensing, and procurement rules**.
- The Switchboard does not provide legal or regulatory advice.

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