

The Maine Food Convergence Project - Terms of Use

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Welcome, and thank you for your interest in the Maine Food Convergence Project (“MFCP”) and the Local Food Switchboard. These terms and conditions of use (“**Terms of Use**”) govern your use of this website (localfoodswitchboard.org), the public forum and chat feature on the website, our email, text messaging/SMS services, and any information, products, or services available through this website, email and text messaging/SMS (“**Services**”). For purposes of these Terms of Use, the terms “we,” “us” and “our” refer to MFCP. “You” refers to you, as a user of the Services. If you are using the Services on behalf of an entity, then the term “You” shall be deemed to include such entity.

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Our Services: Overview. MFCP creates spaces where people working on food, land, and climate issues explore collaborative solutions to complex problems. We work to grow community and deepen relationships so that our collective actions are more impactful. The Local Food Switchboard is a project of MFCP that streamlines local food procurement and connects Maine’s food system. The Services have been designed to assist those organizations and businesses that register to be shown on the website (“Registered Users”) in following MFCP Principles and to assist in participation in our Services. Registered Users of the Local Food Switchboard will be able to use the search functions, create profiles, access public forums (e.g. create listings), set email and text alerts, and access other features, communications and support services offered by the website and MFCP staff.

Account. In order to access some features of the Services, you will have to create an account and choose a username and password. During the registration process, you may be required to provide certain information about you and your business/organization. You agree that the information you provide to us in this process is complete and accurate and that you will update your information if it changes.

Disclaimer. MFCP makes no promises or warranties, either express or implied, as to the fitness, accuracy, safety, or quality of information or any products obtained as a result of or in relation to the information from the Services. MFCP expressly disclaims any liability resulting from your reliance on information obtained from the Services.

Donations. As a fiscally sponsored organization of TSNE, MFCP is a U.S. nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. TSNE's tax ID number is 04-2261109. If you would like to donate to MFCP, please go to mainefoodconvergence.org and click Donate. Donations are tax-deductible in full or in part to the extent allowed by law.

Privacy. MFCP is committed to responsibly handling the information and data we collect through our Services in compliance with our [Privacy Policy](#). Please review the Privacy Policy so you are aware of how we collect, use and share your personal information.

Changes. We reserve the right, at our sole discretion, to modify or replace these Terms of Use at any time. If a revision is material we will provide at least 15 days' notice prior to any new terms taking effect. What constitutes a material change will be determined at our sole discretion. By continuing to access or use our Services after any revisions become effective, you agree to be bound by the revised terms. If you do not agree to the new terms, you are no longer authorized to use the Services.

Contact Us. If you have any questions about these Terms of Use or our Services, please contact us using the form available on our website or by email to operator@localfoodswitchboard.org.

Contact for Alleged Copyright Infringement. MFCP respects the intellectual property rights of others and requires that its users do the same. If you believe that any content (including content provided by MFCP or included in user content) on the website or as a part of our Services constitutes infringement of a work protected by copyright, please notify us as follows:

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The notice must include the following information in accordance with 17 USC 512(c) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (the "DMCA"):

- identification of the copyrighted work that is claimed to be infringed;
- identification of the allegedly infringing material that is requested to be removed, including a description of where it is located on the Services;
- information for our copyright agent to contact you, such as an address, telephone number and e-mail address;
- a statement that you have a good faith belief that the identified, allegedly infringing use is not authorized by the copyright owners, its agent or the law;

- a statement that the information above is accurate, and under penalty of perjury, that you are the copyright owner or the authorized person to act on behalf of the copyright owner; and
- the physical or electronic signature of a person authorized to act on behalf of the owner of the copyright or of an exclusive right that is allegedly infringed.

A user of the Services who has uploaded or posted materials identified as infringing as described above may supply a counter-notification pursuant to sections 512(g)(2) and (3) of the DMCA. When we receive a counter-notification, we may reinstate the posts or material in question, in our sole discretion. To file a counter-notification with us, you must provide a written communication (by postal mail or by email) that sets forth all of the items required by sections 512(g)(2) and (3) of the DMCA. Please note that you will be liable for damages if you materially misrepresent that content or an activity is not infringing the copyrights of others.

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