

Woodstock Scarecrow Invasion Rules - 2026

Set Up & Take Down Rules

- Installation must take place between Monday September 28th - Friday October 2nd. Participants are required to check in at the Woodstock Visitors Center or the Gazebo at the Park at City Center prior to installing their scarecrow. The Woodstock Visitors Center is open 10am to 5pm and the Gazebo will be staffed for the same hours. Scarecrows set up outside of check in hours are subject to inspection per the rules listed herein and Installers will be called regarding any specifics of the scarecrow that do not follow the rules. For any scarecrows not following rules, one call will be given with a one-day window to make the necessary changes. If the changes are not made the scarecrow entry will be removed from the event.
- All displays must be removed on Sunday November 1st, Monday November 2nd or Tuesday November 3rd. All scarecrows should be removed by the end of the day Tuesday November 3rd. Please clean up after your display and do not leave debris behind. If a scarecrow is not removed by the deadline the display will be disposed of and violators will be disqualified from future events.

Scarecrow Display Rules -

- No Scarecrows Displays can be staked into the ground. All displays must rely on a base to stay upright. For example this can include bringing a chair to have your scarecrow display sitting in, building a base for your scarecrow that is then weighted down (bags of sand, bricks, weights, etc...), creating a base with something sturdy like a shipping pallet, etc.

- Scarecrows in Spots 1-82 will be located in the Park at City Center. Spots 124-127 will be located alongside Rootstock facing Towne Lake Parkway. Bales of hay or pine straw cannot be used for the bases of these scarecrows since they will be located on grass.
- All other scarecrow spots will be allowed to use a bale of hay or pine straw for the base of their entry. (limit of 1 bale per entry)
- Spots 92, 93, 97-103 will be located along the Chambers Street sidewalk in front of the multistory buildings. Entries are allowed to tie their scarecrow to the street light poles next to their display to give their scarecrow extra support and help them stay upright. This is encouraged to help prevent these displays from falling over. Zip ties, string, rope, fishing line can be used to tie your display to the street light pole. Nothing adhesive like tape should be used to attach your scarecrow to the pole.
- Spot 185 & 186 is located in front of stairs that cannot access the 2nd level of Adair Park. The scarecrows in these spots can use these stair in their display to help support their scarecrow or for decorative purposes.

Additional Rules For Your Scarecrow Display

- Reminder: Scarecrows cannot be staked into the ground.
- Signage, if applicable, must be physically attached to the scarecrow and may be no larger than 18" by 24". Political signage is not recommended for the event, feedback from the public has been they do not enjoy seeing political signs at the event. Entrants who register under the "Individual" category are not allowed to have signage to advertise a business. Entrants are required to register as a "Business" for the event to have signage

advertising a business. Signs are not allowed to be installed or staked into the ground per City of Woodstock Code. Signs staked in the ground will be removed. Signs can be staked into a prop that goes along with the Scarecrow display.

- Scarecrow lot size is 4 ft wide & 4ft deep. Maximum Scarecrow display height is 7ft.
- No Bales of Hay or Pine Straw are allowed to be placed directly on the ground unless otherwise noted in the spot specific rules. No real pumpkins are allowed, artificial only. No plastic sheets or tarps are allowed to be placed directly on the ground.
- No structures are allowed as a part of the display. Structures are defined as being larger than or the same size as the actual Scarecrow in your display. Props are allowed in your display. Your Scarecrow should be the big/main part of your display.
- Nothing with glass is allowed to be used in the event (glasses, mirrors, glass bottles, etc...) In a past event a glass object focused a sun beam and caused a fire.
- No pressured containers are allowed to be used in a display for safety reasons. (for example a keg). Objects like this can be used as long as they are unpressurized.
- Scarecrows are not permitted to be attached to existing sign poles, light poles, utility poles, or other vertical structures unless otherwise noted in spot specific rules