

Official Rules

Eligibility

- Participation is open to all residents (rented or owned) within the Burnaby City Area. The
- Contest is open to individuals only. No companies.
- Employees of the Tourism Burnaby as well as immediate family and household members of a Tourism Burnaby employee, are not eligible to participate in the Contest.
- Contest judges, as well as immediate family and household members of a Contest judge, are not eligible to participate in the Contest.

Agreement to be bound by the Official Rules

- Participation in the Contest constitutes each entrant's full and unconditional agreement to these Rules and acceptance of the Rules.
- The decisions of the judges and Tourism Burnaby regarding the Contest are final and binding.
- Winning a prize is contingent upon being fully compliant with these Rules and fulfilling all other requirements as set forth herein.

Contest Period

- The Contest begins on October 1, 2023 at 12am and ends on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 11pm EDT (the "Contest Period").
- Entries received after the Contest Period as defined above will be disqualified.

To Enter

- Entry fee is FREE.
- Entrants must submit a photo of their Halloween decoration on the contest website at <https://burnabyhalloween.com/neighbourhood-decorating-contest/>.
- Yard Signage:
 - Tourism Burnaby will make available a branded yard sign.
 - Once the yard sign has been received, entrants must place the sign in a clear, visible area so that it is legible to judges and photographers.

Decorations must follow these rules:

- Must be Halloween-themed.
- May not contain gore or adult themes.
- Must be three-dimensional.
- Must be visible from the street.
- Decorations may include (but are not limited to):
 - window displays (inside or outside)
 - front porch displays
 - entrance ways
 - yard displays



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- If you wish to include any kind of music or lights in your decorations, learn the limits:
 - This can obviously cause a disturbance among neighbours, so check our local Burnaby [noise](#) bylaws before putting out any décor that makes shrieking, wailing noises, and/or emits music.
 - Lights can also prove disruptive, though in most communities, they are acceptable if they are timed to shut off at a reasonable hour. Please ensure that your lighting does not cast directly into a neighbour's window, or that your lighting does not unreasonably disturb the peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of your neighbouring property's occupants. Same policies apply to smoke machines or other décor.
- Tourism Burnaby will manually review each entry before it is displayed on the Contest website.
- Tourism Burnaby reserves the right to reject any entry.

Judging

- All entries that are in compliance with all terms and conditions of these Rules will be judged on the basis of the following criteria (the "Criteria"), each of which will be given equal weight:
 - Originality and Creativity
 - Adherence to topic
 - Workmanship
 - Overall Effect (General Impression)
- Tourism Burnaby will establish a panel of no less than three (3) individuals (each, a "Judge").
- Judges will evaluate each eligible entry, using a range voting method, assigning a value between 0-5 for each Criteria.
- In the event of a tie, Tourism Burnaby's staff will break the tie, basing their decision on the Criteria.
- **THE DECISIONS OF TOURISM BURNABY AND THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL. TOURISM BURNABY WILL NOT CORRESPOND WITH ENTRANTS ABOUT THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES OR THE DETERMINATION OF THE WINNERS OTHER THAN AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE RULES.**

Prize Details

- The Contest prize consists of cash, check, goods, or a combination thereof, not to exceed \$1,000 for the first place winner, \$500 for the second place winner, \$250 for the third place winner, \$250 for the People's Choice winner, and \$1000 for the Best Neighbourhood winner.
- The form of prize (e.g. cash, check, gift card, etc.) shall be determined by Tourism Burnaby, in its sole discretion.
- Prizing Options (subject to change):
 - 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, People's Choice Award \$250
 - Best Block/Group of Houses can win a Block Party Pack (worth \$1000)
- Tourism Burnaby will award five prizes. (See "Awarding of Prize")



Awarding of Prize

- Between October 21 - 24, 2023, entries will be judged.
- Winners will be announced on the Tourism Burnaby/Explore Burnaby website and social media pages and notified by email on or around October 25, 2023.
- Winners have 10 days from time of announcement to accept the prize. Prizes not claimed within this timeframe are forfeited.
- Except where prohibited, acceptance of the prize is consent to: (i) allow the use of his/her name and/or photograph, all without further compensation, for advertising, promotional, and publicity purposes by Tourism Burnaby.
- By accepting the prize, each winner acknowledges compliance with these Rules and consent to the conditions.

Use of Data

- Winner and registrant's personal information will not be shared with or sold to any third-party.

Other Conditions

- All local municipality laws and regulations apply.
- Tourism Burnaby reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend this Contest or any portion thereof, or to disqualify any individual.
- By entering, participants agree to release and hold harmless Tourism Burnaby and other prize suppliers and each of their retailers, and each of the foregoing entities' employees, officers, directors, shareholders, and agents (collectively the "Released Parties"), from and against any and all claims, actions and/or liability for any injuries or death, loss or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with participation in and/or entry into the Contest or acceptance or use of any prize or participation in any contest-related activity and for any claims based on publicity rights, defamation, invasion of privacy and merchandise delivery.
- The Released Parties are not responsible or liable for any incorrect or inaccurate entry information and assume no responsibility for (i) any error, omission, interruption, defect or delay in operation or transmission at any website, (ii) failure of any entry to be received by Tourism Burnaby due to technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, (iii) communications line, hardware and/or software failures, (iv) damage to any computer (software or hardware) resulting from participation in the Contest or (v) theft or destruction of, tampering with, unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries and/or entry information.
- The use of third-party software or website or automated entry systems to participate is prohibited, and Tourism Burnaby reserves the right to disqualify entries made in such a fashion.
- By entering, entrants agree to comply with these Rules. Any entrant who attempts to tamper with this Contest in any way shall be disqualified.
- This contest is in no way administered by, or associated with, Facebook or Google.
- Additional restrictions may apply.



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Disputes

- Entrant agrees that (i) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest or any prizes awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Rules or the rights and obligations of the entrant and Tourism Burnaby in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the City of Burnaby