



Neighbourhood Decorating Contest Official Rules

The Burnaby Halloween Festival, Neighbourhood Decorating Contest (the "Contest") is a contest with skill and ability components. The Contest is governed by these Official Rules ("Rules").

Eligibility

- Participation is open to all residents (rented or owned) within the City of Burnaby Area.
- The contest is exclusively for individuals; **companies are not eligible** to participate.
- Employees of the Sponsor, as well as the immediate family and household members of a Sponsor 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, which are final and binding.
- Participants must comply with all local regulations and safety guidelines. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- All public voting decisions 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 entry begins on October 1, 2025, at 12 am and ends on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 11:59 pm PST (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 (no collage) on the contest website at <https://burnabyhalloween.com/neighbourhood-decorating-contest/>
- Yard Signage:
 - Tourism Burnaby will make available a branded yard sign with a QR code containing a designated number
 - Once the yard sign has been received, entrants must place the sign in a clear, visible area so that it is legible for the public and photographers.

Decorations must follow these rules:

- Must be Halloween-themed.
- May not contain graphic violence, gore, or adult themes that are inappropriate for all ages.
- 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
- The submissions under the **Sustainable Decoration Category** should clearly demonstrate the use of eco-friendly, reused, or recyclable materials, and avoid decorations that consume excessive energy or generate significant waste. We encourage creativity that celebrates sustainability while still embracing the festive spirit.
- If you wish to include any kind of music or lights in your decorations, learn the limits:
 - This can 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. The same policies apply to smoke machines or other décors.
- Tourism Burnaby will review each entry before it is displayed on the Contest website.
- Tourism Burnaby reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with these Rules or is deemed inappropriate.

Voting- People's Choice

- All entries must comply with these Rules to be eligible for voting.
- Public voting will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners, along with the Sustainable Decoration category, based on popularity.
- Voting will open from **October 24-28, 2025**
- In the event of a tie, Tourism Burnaby's staff will break the tie, basing their decision on the Criteria.
- THE DECISIONS OF PUBLIC VOTING WILL BE FINAL. TOURISM BURNABY WILL NOT CORRESPOND WITH ENTRANTS ABOUT THE DECISIONS OR THE DETERMINATION OF THE WINNERS OTHER THAN AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE RULES.

Prize Details

- The Contest prize consists of cash or a check not to exceed \$1,000 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner.
- Prizing Options (subject to change):
 - 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250
 - Best Block/Group of Houses can win a Block Party Pack (worth \$1000)
 - The Sustainable Decoration Award is worth \$250
- A total of five prizes will be awarded. (See "Awarding of Prize")

Awarding of the Prize

- Between **October 24-28, 2025**, entries will be open for online voting.
- Winners will be announced on the Tourism Burnaby/Burnaby Halloween Festival website and social media pages and notified by email on or around **Oct 29th, 2025**
- Winners have 15 days from the 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 the Sponsor.



- By accepting the prize, each winner acknowledges compliance with these Rules and consents to the conditions.

Use of Data

- Personal information collected from registrants and winners will be used solely for the administration of the Contest and will not be shared with or sold to any third party.

Other Conditions

- All local municipality laws and regulations apply.
- The sponsor 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, each of their retailers, and each of the foregoing entities' employees, officers, directors, shareholders, and agents (collectively the "Released Parties"), from and against any 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 websites, 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.

Disputes

- Any disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest or any prizes awarded shall be resolved individually, without resorting 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 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.