

DIY Scarecrow Guidelines

Your scarecrow will be featured on Main street on one of the existing light poles there. We will use zip ties to help hold your scarecrow upright, but it cannot hang from the pole.

Keep in mind, your scarecrow should fit into the dimensions we set to help maintain a clean, uniform look for Main Street while adding a festive flair!

You May Need:

- 2x4 or something similar for the main 'body' of your scarecrow (This will be the part we attach to the light pole)
- Yard stick affixed to the first pole, to make a cross shape
- Pumpkin, grain bag - for the head
- Screws or twine for connecting cross pieces
- Straw, batting, etc for filling out the scarecrows clothing.
- Clothing (Your scarecrow needs an outfit! You could use a business sweatshirt or polo, for example)

Build Guidelines:

- **Maximum Dimensions:** Scarecrows **must not exceed 6 feet tall, 3 feet wide, and 2 feet deep** on a cross-like body, suitable for fastening to a light pole.
- **Maximum Weight:** Please keep in mind that we do not want to put too much stress on our Main St. light poles. While not a hard rule, please try to keep your weight **under 35 lbs.**
- **Attachment:** The events committee will connect with you when it's time to put your scarecrow up. All scarecrows will be securely fastened to light posts with **zip ties only**. Please do not set up your own scarecrow on Main without permission from the Events Committee.
- **Materials:** No perishable vegetation (pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, hay bales, etc.) Please visit a craft store and use decorative options instead of fresh produce. **The exception to this rule is hay/straw for the purposes of stuffing your scarecrow.**
- **Keep Main Clean!** All straw, fabric, and decorations must be secured to your scarecrow and able to withstand wind and weather for the duration of the month of October. No loose or scattered materials are permitted.
- **Technology/Electricity:** You are limited by only your imagination for this competition, but keep in mind your scarecrow will not have access to power. Please do not use anything that could be a fire hazard or unsafe if it got wet, etc.
- **Keep it PG!** Family-friendly designs only. Any offensive, political, or inappropriate displays will not be accepted.
- By registering for the competition, you are agreeing to our guidelines, and you are agreeing to play by the rules of a friendly contest.

Contest Rules:

- **Register & pay fee** by the deadline **Friday 9/5**, no late registrations permitted.
- No sabotaging other businesses scarecrows
- No changes may be made to your scarecrow once it's up on Main Street
- No profanity, vulgar gestures, political signage, nudity, or offensive themes. (Spooky is fine- just keep gore to a minimum)
- The committee reserves the right to remove entries that become unsafe or fall apart.
- Scarecrow should be ready for **pick-up or drop-off by 9/30** at the latest.
- **Decorations may not** obstruct sidewalks, businesses, or roadways.
- Your scarecrow's placement will be assigned by the committee.
- Scarecrows will be displayed from the first week of October to the last weekend in October. The events committee will coordinate pick-up with you **before Halloween** weekend.
- **Public voting** will take place during Harvest Moon on **10/4 & 10/5**
- Winning Scarecrow will be announced **Sunday 10/5** at the event and on social media, follow [The Sheridan Events Committee - Current Committee](#) on Facebook for updates!
- The winning business will receive half (50%) of registration pot money and a trophy to display until the next Harvest Moon where it will then go to the new winner!
- The Sheridan Events Committee is not responsible for any loss or damage to scarecrows, though we will do our best to keep an eye on them.
- By registering, participants agree to have photos of their scarecrows and businesses shared on social media and/or in promotional materials.

Links:

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/muh4z2k6>

Pay: <https://tinyurl.com/mryesm6s>

Important Dates:

9/5 - Registration Due
9/30 - Scarecrow Pick Up/Drop Off
10/1-10/3 - Scarecrows Go Up on Main
10/4 & 10/5 - Voting at Harvest Moon
11/1 & 11/2 - Scarecrows returned to their owners

Questions/Concerns?

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Can't wait to see you there!