

Gingerbread House Contest 2023 **Rules & Regulations – REVISED 11/17**

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:

- The participant accepts the engagement to create a Gingerbread structure (hereinafter, the “Artwork”) for use in the City’s Gingerbread House Exhibit & Contest.
- Participants must register for the appropriate category (must be under age 15 to enter in the Youth category).
- Participants agree that their Artwork will meet the specifications set forth here:
 - Artwork must be constructed on a sturdy base (plywood or thick, stiff cardboard recommended).
 - The base must be no larger than 15” x 15”; larger entries will not be accepted.
 - **All materials must be edible**, including the "glue" that holds pieces together (except for the base, and string or fairy lights if you choose to use them).
 - Any lights used should be LED battery-powered. We cannot supply electricity for lights or re-power any battery-charged lights should they lose their charge (you’re welcome to check on them periodically if you choose).
- The participant shall be responsible for all costs related to the Artwork, including materials to create the Gingerbread house and any costs incurred to transport it to or from the exhibit location.
- Artwork must be delivered to Newton City Hall 2nd floor **Monday November 27 6-8pm, or Tuesday -Wednesday November 28-29 10am-2pm.**
- Participants will provide a name for their Artwork at drop-off.
- The City will provide the display area for the Artwork. The location of the exhibit of the Artwork shall be at the sole discretion of the City.
- The Artwork shall be the property of the City from drop-off through completion of the exhibit, including the display of winning Artwork. Artwork can be retrieved from the City as outlined below.
- Artwork must be picked up from City Hall Thursday December 21 9-5pm pr Friday December 22 9am-12pm. Any artwork not claimed by 12pm on December 22 will be disposed of.
- The participant understands there is no remuneration for submitting their Artwork or being selected as a winner for the Gingerbread House Exhibit & Contest.
- The participant grants permission for pictures to be taken of themselves and/or their work for the purpose of publicity for programs of the Office of Cultural Development. The participant understands that photos may be published in local papers, promotional pieces, websites, or social media pages for the department.
- The participant agrees to abide by the timeline below.

TIMELINE FOR PARTICIPANTS:

October 30	Registration Opens
November 26	Registration Closes
November 27-29	Houses are delivered to Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton.
December 1-14	Exhibit open for public viewing and voting
December 15	Votes Tallied
December 18-December 20	Voting closed, Winners announced; houses on display
December 21-22	Houses removed from City Hall by 12pm on December 22

TIPS:

- Craftsmanship can make or break your project. Check to make sure everything has set and nothing is wet before you deliver your Artwork.
- Your creation will be on display for several weeks. Make sure everything is secure and there is proper weight distribution to prevent toppling.
- If you have any questions regarding contest requirements, email culture@newtonma.gov.