

Gingerbread House Exhibit & Contest 2024

Rules & Regulations

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 City Hall **Monday December 2 through Wednesday December 4** between the hours of 9am-4pm, or 6-8pm Monday evening. You may make alternative arrangements by emailing culture@newtonma.gov.
- 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. Artwork can be retrieved from the City as outlined below.
- Artwork must be picked up from City Hall on **Friday December 20**. Artwork that remains unclaimed after this date will be disposed of. You may make alternative arrangements by emailing culture@newtonma.gov.
- 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:

November 5	Registration Opens
November 20	Registration Closes
December 2-4	Houses are delivered to City Hall
December 6-17	Exhibit open for public viewing and voting
December 17-18	Voting ends and votes tallied
December 19	Winners announced
December 20	Houses collected from City Hall

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.