



North Franklin Township

Fall Fest

Scarecrow Competition



Call for Entries

On October 4th, scarecrows will line the site of our Fall Fest. Some scarecrows will be inspired by famous characters, some will be humorous, some will be scary – but all of them will be carefully handmade by Washington-area residents and organizations. The competition is free and Fall Fest visitors will be invited to vote on their favorite scarecrows during the festival. The creators of the winning scarecrows will receive prizes at the end of the festival.

Contest details

Entry

- ◆ All members of the public are invited to participate in the scarecrow competition.
- ◆ Enter at northfranklin.org in one of two categories: Kids Only (Age 12 and under)
Teen/Adult (Age 13 and up)
- ◆ **Deadline for entry forms is September 26, 2025.**

Voting

- ◆ Fall Fest Attendees will vote for their favorite scarecrows from 11:00am - 3:30pm.
- ◆ Voting will be by QR code or paper ballot.
- ◆ Winners will be announced at the festival and posted at northfranklin.org on October 6, 2025.

Prizes

- ◆ Winners in each category receive:
1st Place - \$100
2nd Place - \$75
3rd Place - \$50
- ◆ Prize winners must collect their prize at the Township Office when picking up their Scarecrow.

Tips

- ◆ A strong idea is key. Sometimes the best entries are the simplest, yet most recognizable.
- ◆ Craftsmanship can make or break the overall look of a project.
- ◆ Stuff your straw into pantyhose to keep it in one place! Experts can sew the pantyhose for shaping.
- ◆ Weatherproofing: Your scarecrows may have exposure to all kinds of weather. Make sure to seal porous materials, such as papier-mâché, with a water-repellent spray (3M or Scotchguard).

Ideas

- ◆ Think outside the box. Traditional scarecrows are great, but to win, yours must stand out. Here are some ideas to get you started:
- ◆ Characters—Create a scarecrow of your favorite fictional or non-fictional character from books, movies, or television—human, animated, animal, or robot.
- ◆ Comical—Create a scarecrow that puts a smile on someone's face, like cartoon characters or animals in silly situations.
- ◆ Scary—Create a scarecrow with a frightening theme, such as Frankenstein, Vecna, The Walking Dead, Wednesday, or Pennywise.
- ◆ Kids Only—Favorite book, television, or movies. Ideas: Disney, Bluey, Sesame Street, Elmo, Paw Patrol.

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Rules and Regulations



Deadline to Enter: September 26, 2025 | Drop-off: October 1—October 2, 2025

- ◆ **Each group or individual may enter only one scarecrow.** An entry form must be submitted before the deadline.
- ◆ **All entries must be family-friendly.** North Franklin Township reserves the right to refuse any scarecrow entry that we feel may be offensive to the general public.
- ◆ **Scarecrows must be built on a 48" Electric Fence Poly Post (available at Rural King) or similar post that can be easily inserted into the ground for display at the festival site.**
- ◆ **No part of your display may touch the ground.** No materials may be placed on the ground under or around your scarecrow. Mowing and landscaping may occur prior to the festival. Scarecrows touching the ground will be disqualified.
- ◆ **Your scarecrow must be weather-resistant and sturdy** in order to qualify for display. Prior to 11AM on October 4, you may make any necessary repairs so your scarecrow looks its very best.
- ◆ **No perishable goods may be used in the construction of your scarecrow, including pumpkins, squash, and other plants.**
- ◆ **A weatherproof sign with the name of your entry and a QR code for voting will be provided at check-in.** Please attach it to the lower part of your scarecrow.
- ◆ **Scarecrows can be checked-in Wednesday, October 1 and Thursday, October 2, from 10:00AM-5:00PM at the Township Office , 345 Franklin Farms Road.**
- ◆ **Votes will be collected at the festival on October 4 from 11AM to 3:30PM. Winners will be announced at the close of the festival at 4:00pm.** Prize winners can collect their cash prize at the Township Office during regular business hours the week after the festival.
- ◆ **Scarecrows may be picked up on October 6th, and October 7th, 2025, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.** Any scarecrows that are not claimed by Wednesday, October 8, 2025, and whose creator(s) have not arranged for alternate pick-up arrangements will become the property of North Franklin Township.
- ◆ **Scarecrow entries that are removed from the festival site by the entrant prior to the close of the display will forfeit eligibility to win.** Eligibility to enter the Scarecrow Competition for the coming year will also be forfeited.
- ◆ **North Franklin Township is not responsible for the presentation, maintenance, or safety of any scarecrows on display.**

