



The Sound of Autumn
Community Decoration Challenge
RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

The Town of Parry Sound is inviting all residents to decorate their homes and businesses in the spirit of the fall season. Show your community pride and beautify your home or business with autumn themed decorations! Post a scarecrow in your front yard, line your fence with cornstalks, stack hay bales along the driveway, outfit your porch steps with pumpkins – anything to show your excitement for the autumn season! The Sound of Autumn will be held within the following dates:

Entry Deadline: October 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Contest Voting: October 21-29, 2025

Winners Announced: October 31, 2025

Please read these rules and instructions carefully and complete the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Jayme Young at 705-746-2701 ext. 201. Entry forms can be submitted online at www.parrysound.ca/autumn, or via email to jyoung@parrysound.ca

1. Participation is open to all residents and businesses within the boundaries of the Town of Parry Sound.
2. Entry is free, there are no fees associated with this competition.
3. **Contest entries must be received no later than Friday, October 17, 2025.**
4. Contest is for exterior decorations that can be viewed from the sidewalk only. Therefore, only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged.
5. Entrants retain the copyright to their photographs. However, by submitting your photo, you hereby grant the Town of Parry Sound and contest Sponsors a worldwide, irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sublicenseable and transferable license to print, publish, use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of your submission, and display your full name and photograph in connection with your submission, in any media formats and through any media channels.
6. **The photos you submit will be the photos that the public votes on. Please ensure your photos are of good quality!**
7. Judging categories will include Residential displays (homes, and houses serving the purpose of residence), and Non-Residential displays (businesses, buildings, spaces etc.). ALL entries must include an address. Town facilities are not eligible for competition.
8. Only the top 5 decoration displays of each category will advance to the public voting stage of the contest.
9. **Voting will occur from October 21 until October 29, 2025** via online voting by members of the public at www.parrysound.ca/soundofautumn.
10. Two prizes will be awarded per category. Residential category prizes: One 1st place prize of a \$250 gift certificate to your choice of home improvement store or garden centre within Town boundaries; One 2nd Place prize of a \$100 gift certificate to your choice of home improvement store or garden centre within Town boundaries. Non-Residential category prizes: One 1st place prize of a lunch for you and your employees with approximate value of \$250; One 2nd Place prize of a coffee break for you and your employees with approximate value of \$100.
11. Contact information is required on registration forms to contact participants who win prizes.
12. ***Be creative, and have fun!***

Sound of Autumn Registration Form

Name/Business/Organization*:

Contest Category*:

☐ Residential

☐ Non-Residential

Address*: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email*: _____ Phone*: _____

Please Attach one photo of your decorations to be shared for contest voting purposes*:

*Required fields

Contest Rules and Legal Disclaimer

How to Enter/Eligibility: There is no purchase necessary to enter this contest. All buildings, homes etc. must have a Town of Parry Sound address to be eligible for this competition and subsequent prizes. Registration forms can be submitted online at www.parrysound.ca/autumn or by email to jyoung@parrysound.ca prior to contest closure.

Contest Deadlines: Contest registrations will be accepted until October 17, 2025. This date represents contest closure and registrations will not be accepted past this date. Contest judging will occur between the dates of October 21-29, 2025.

Winner Selection/Notification/Disqualification: Contest winners will be selected by a public vote hosted on www.parrysound.ca. Prize winners will be notified via email or phone within 7 days of contest judging. If no response is received within 7 days of notification, contest winners will forfeit their prize and the prize will be re-allocated the next most qualified competitor.

Privacy: All contestant information is protected under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, and will not be shared or sold without the owner's consent. Contact information is required only to communicate with prize winners.

☐ I have read and understand the above rules and contest criteria^t

☐ I have read and understand the accompanying "Rules & Instructions" page^t

^tRequired fields

****Accessible formats available upon request**