



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 18, 2026 at 11:59 PM

Contest Voting: October 21-28, 2026

Winners Announced: October 30, 2026

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 Sunday, October 18, 2026.**
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 photo you submit will be the photo that the public votes on. Please ensure your photo is of good quality. Entrants will be limited to one photo. Submissions including more than one photo will be disqualified.**
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 28, 2026** 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!***