



2009 SCARECROW CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

1. **Participation:** Adults, children, individuals of all ages, groups, families, and businesses are eligible for participation. Live (dress up) scenes welcome on Friday, October 9th for Scarecrow Kick-off. Join us for fun, prizes and refreshments, from 4-6pm.
2. **Fees:** There is a non-refundable \$10.00 entry fee per scarecrow entry. One entry can have more than one scarecrow if they are included in one scene. (i.e. A "Sonny and Cher-crow" would be one entry, but would comprise two scarecrows within the scene. This entry would require one entry fee.)
3. **Scarecrow Scene Sketch:** You must submit a sketch or written description of the scarecrow scene. The Colchester Business Association and the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department reserve the right to deny or remove any scarecrow scene which may be offensive to the public.
4. **Scarecrow Basics:** Your scarecrow must be able to withstand weather, wind, and other natural elements. Perishable goods are not recommended for use in construction of your scarecrow scene.
5. The Colchester Business Association and the Colchester Parks and Recreation Department are NOT responsible for scarecrows on display. We reserve the right to remove any scarecrow that does not hold up to the weather.
6. All scarecrows should be built in a manner that allows them to be left unattended. You may want to monitor your display to be sure that it is holding up for the duration of the event.
7. **Support Stakes:** *One stake will be provided in assigned locations to identify your group.* At the end of the event, that **stake must be left behind.** If you need additional supports to hold up your scarecrow or scene, you must supply them, or buy them on Friday, October 9th. 1 in. x 4 ft. poles will be available to purchase at \$2.50 a pole.
8. **Deadline:** The deadline for entries will be Wednesday, September 30th. Look for the name of your scarecrow on the town green, on Thursday, October 8th. Your weatherproof number and scarecrow name will be provided and must be attached to your scarecrows in a visible location for voting and judging purposes.
9. **Scarecrow Setup:** You may setup your scarecrow scene in your assigned location on the Colchester Town Green, anytime Thursday, October 8th through Saturday, October 10th. Your scarecrow scene should be complete for judging by Sunday morning, October 11th. *Contestants who remove their scarecrow before the event ends will be disqualified.*
10. **Judging:** Judging will be done by the public, through ballot vote, or online at www.cba.bz. Any person of any age can vote. Voting will be held at sponsor business locations throughout town and will take place from October 11th through the 25th. **Winners will be notified on October 25th.** First place prize in each category will receive a gift certificate, redeemable at any CBA member business of the winner's choice. Second place in each category will receive a special prize. Every entry receives a participation prize.
11. **Scarecrow Removal:** Scarecrow scenes to be removed by Sunday, October 25th. Please do not leave any items that you brought on the green behind. Everything must be removed. Any remaining after that time will be disposed of.
12. **Unopened Hay:** Pick-up of any unopened bales of hay will be Sunday, October 25th.



QUESTIONS? Call Scarecrow Committee Chairman, **Brenden Healy:** (860) 917-9720
Or Parks & Recreation Department: 537-7297

REMEMBER TO:

- Complete and return entry form
- Enclose check for \$10 entry fee plus the cost for needed hay bales \$7 each & stakes, \$2.50 each, payable to CBA.
- Attach a sketch or description of your scarecrow scene. Please give your scarecrow scene a Title name.
- Mail to: Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Colchester Business Association, Box 453, Colchester, Ct. 06415 or drop off at the: Colchester Parks and Recreation Department, Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester