



SCARECROW INVASION PARADE GUIDELINES FOR 2024

The following Guidelines are devised for the safety of parade entrants and spectators. If you do not register, you cannot be in the parade.

1. All entries **MUST** register for the parade prior to Monday, September 23, 2024.

All participants must sign the Volunteer/Participant Waiver. The parents/guardians of children under the age of 18 will sign for them.

Entry and Volunteer Waiver Forms are available online at scarecrowinvasion.com. PDF fillable waivers and entry forms may be emailed to kristdavies@gmail.com. If you are printing the emailed versions of the Entry form and Volunteer/Participant Waiver, please staple them together when you drop them off the Library front desk or through the slot.

2. All parade entrants with animals or motorized vehicles **MUST** have liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars). **Due to safety concerns, full-size horses are not permitted in the parade; but miniature horses and other small animals are welcome.**

All animals must be restrained. Please note – there is no accommodation for farm animals at the Family Festival.

Pets are usually covered by the personal liability in the homeowner's insurance policy. Farm animals are usually covered by the farm's liability insurance; **but check with your Insurance Agent to be sure that you are covered off your property.**

3. It is requested that all parade participants (including parents & chaperones) be dressed in clothing that is consistent with the scarecrow theme and is entertaining to a family audience, particularly children. This year's theme – **Scarecrows Celebrate Meaford's 150th Anniversary.**
4. "Poop and Scoop" by-law #05-2002 applies to **ALL** animals on municipal property. All parade entrants with animals need to designate someone to clean up after their animal(s).
5. Apples may be distributed by participants who have been designated by the Parade organizers. Any other food distributed should be wrapped and handed (**not thrown**) to spectators; and the distribution must not slow the pace of the parade. Public Health Rules prohibit distribution of home-made food.
6. All parade entrants, including young children and small animals, **MUST** be able to maintain the pace set by the parade leaders. Parade Marshals have the authority to remove entrants who are unable to keep pace.
7. Float passengers may not stand or walk around when the vehicle is in motion, nor sit on the edge of the float. It is mandatory that at least one adult be on a float with children of any age.
8. Excessively noisy vehicles will not be allowed in the parade due to the risk of scaring animals or children.
9. Please wear appropriate head protection for your activity in the parade, e.g. bike helmet.
10. Flyers and promotional material may be distributed at the Family Festival, NOT during the Parade.

Parade questions may be directed to the Parade Registrar, Kristin Davies at kristdavies@gmail.com