



2019 Gingerbread Lane Policies

Important Dates

September 10: Registration Opens **online only**

October 8: Designer Night Come and Go. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, at the Western Development Museum. Get ideas and tips about making your gingerbread display.

October 15: Registration Deadline

November 21, 2 pm - 8 pm: Drop Off Date and pick up of Refundable Deposits

People's Choice Award Winners will be notified on **Friday, November 29** and provided 4 general admission tickets for Saturday, November 30.

CATEGORIES

Enter in one or more of the 3 categories.
LIMITED NUMBERS of entries for each category.

1. Newcomer Category

0 - 3 years of previous entries to the Festival's Gingerbread Lane. If you're new to this then this is the right category for you. This category is for people who are new or have had a little experience in the past with building gingerbread displays.

2. Experienced Category

4 years or more with entries to the Festival's Gingerbread Lane... OR...If you are an experienced gingerbread display builder then this is the right category for you. You may have previously entered in the Festival's Gingerbread Lane or not. If you feel you are experienced to compete in this category then we welcome you!

3. NEW Professional Category

Professional bakers and people who make a living from creating amazing desserts. We welcome professionals to show off their talents through this new category. Professional entries will get signage with their company logo next to their display.

Professional entries can be made with items other than gingerbread. We encourage professionals to showcase their specialty products in a Christmas-themed display. Please note that the creation will be on display for several weeks so should be made with materials accordingly.



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Display Rules

1. The base of the Gingerbread Display cannot be larger than 18" x 18".
2. The base of the display must be made of sturdy material (covered plywood works well).
3. The display must be made of Gingerbread and must be constructed WITHOUT interior support.
4. All decorations must be made from edible products, except the base. Lighting is permissible. Please put access to battery packs for lighting in the on the TOP of your display. The base sits on a round tube, so battery packs CANNOT be attached to the bottom of your display or left dangling. We will try to turn your lighting on and off but cannot guarantee that throughout Festival week. If you put lighting on the display you can get a pass that enables access to the Festival daily so you can check your display.
5. All displays must be dropped off at the Western Development Museum on Thursday November 21, between the hours of 2 pm and 8 pm.
6. Judging will be done by people's choice selection. Ballots are on the general admission programs handed out at the Festival. Winners are announced on the Festival website.
7. Each Gingerbread Display will receive 4 General Admission tickets to the Festival.
8. The Gingerbread Displays become the property of the Festival of Trees and are sold during Festival.
9. Cancellations for entries must be received no later than October 15 as this is when our program goes to the printer. NO SHOWS AND LATE CANCELLATIONS WILL FORFEIT THE \$50 DEPOSIT
10. Unsold displays will be gifted to local charity groups identified by the Festival of Trees.





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FAQs

How are the displays priced for sale?

Our Committee Chair along with the Festival's Operations Manager will decide on sale prices for the displays. We understand that the sale prices in no way reflect the incredible number of hours designers spend on making their creations. However, we price these to sell to the general public and to provide families with an opportunity to own a masterpiece gingerbread display at a reasonable price.

All funds raised in the sales of Gingerbread displays support health projects and equipment at Saskatoon City Hospital.

Can I use glue, cardboard or other non-edible materials in my display?

No. All Gingerbread displays must be constructed with edible materials. The exception is lighting, which is permitted.

Can the display include lights?

Yes, lighting is allowed. Please ensure you have fresh batteries along with spares for our volunteers to replace them as needed. Lighting effects must be explained to the volunteers at Gingerbread Lane on drop off day so they can manage the lights throughout the week.

What happens to displays that aren't sold?

Each year the Festival identifies charitable groups that will receive unsold displays as a gift from us.

