

2023 Harrisonburg Holiday Parade

Rules and Regulations

*** PLEASE BE AWARE THERE WILL BE NO JUDGING OF PARADE ENTRIES ***

1. Every entry should be lit and/or decorated. Please try to be creative and adhere to the parade theme "Holidays Around the World". The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry into the parade which does not depict the parade theme or does not adhere to the policies of the parade as stated.
2. **Open flames, snow blowers and snow machines are not permitted.**
3. **Nothing** may be thrown from your entry to the crowd/spectators, as this creates a safety hazard for spectators. Any activity that encourages spectators to enter the parade route is not permitted.
4. Any performance along the route must be a moving/marching routine. NO STOPPING ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.
 - a. ***The route will begin at the Rockingham County Building on Gay Street and head south on Main Street.***
5. Groups are permitted a maximum of 2 vehicles per entry. Commercial businesses will pay \$50 per entry/vehicle with a maximum of two entries. Late fees of \$25.00/commercial and \$10.00/all others will be incurred after November 13, 2023. Antique Vehicle/Stock Car entries are limited to one vehicle per entry with a maximum of 10 in the category.
6. Floats must have a fire extinguisher on them or in the vehicle pulling them.
7. No part of a float or any entry should exceed 14 feet vertical from street level. All entries must be able to move under public utility wires. Any entry utilizing a motor vehicle must have working tail lights. **No entries exceeding 45 feet in length are allowed.**
8. Bike riders must adhere to local and state laws regarding helmets.
9. Drivers of all vehicles in the parade must have a valid Virginia driver's license.
10. **Santa will be at the end of the parade. Therefore we ask that no entry have anyone dressed as Santa or Ms. Claus.**
11. Any entry with horses or large animals must be responsible for the immediate clean up of excrements from the lineup area and parade route. Appropriate diapers or one person per 2 animal cleanup crew are required.
12. If your entry includes any animals, you must have liability insurance on your animal and all animals must have current vaccinations.
13. The parade will begin promptly at 7p.m. and is approximately 1 mile in length.
14. Please provide a complete description of your entry.
15. All float entries must be safe for passengers and spectators. Seats on floats must be firmly attached or passengers should have holding bars.