

CRITERIA FOR DECORATING FLOATS, COMMERCIAL ENTRIES

1. Areas exposed to the viewing public **MUST BE 75% DECORATED** (not including signs).
2. Commercial entries pay \$75 for more than 75% decorated and \$200 for less than 75% decorated. *
3. The vehicle pulling a float is not considered part of the float entry. However, the Committee encourages decorating the towing vehicle, also.
4. Signs are not considered a part of the decorations.
5. Commercial entries must be decorated and abide by all rules of the Committee.
6. Height should not exceed 16 feet. Height, width, and length must be noted on your application.

CRITERIA FOR DECORATING MEDIA ENTRIES

ALL MEDIA ENTRIES MAY ENTER 1 OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CHOICES.

1. **UNDECORATED AND ENTRY NOT JUDGED** – Media will be permitted to have one (1) vehicle per station that is undecorated and not judged. If the media chooses to enter in this manner, they must give seventy-five (75) promotional mentions detailing the parade particulars (date, time, location, etc.) beginning two (2) weeks before the event. Sixty percent (60%) of the mentions to be during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
2. **DECORATED AND JUDGED** – Media will be permitted to enter their vehicle in the parade's media trophy category. Participation in this category requires the media to provide a float or vehicle decorated seventy-five (75%) percent in the spirit of Halloween.

***New guideline beginning 2009.**

*****ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED***
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

*****THE PARADE OFFICIAL WILL INSPECT ENTRIES BEFORE THEY ARE PERMITTED IN THE LINE OF MARCH. COMMERCIAL ENTRIES NOT PASSING DECORATION GUIDELINES WILL BE INVOICED FOR AN APPLICABLE ENTRY FEE OR DISQUALIFIED AND NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARADE*****

THE PARADE OFFICIAL'S DECISION REGARDING ADEQUATE DECORATION IS FINAL!

FLOAT SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Floats must have adequate brake systems, as well as, an emergency backup system.
2. The driver of the float must have good visibility. This is especially important in a self-contained float.
3. Proper ventilation must be provided for the driver of a self-contained float.
4. The muffler must be wrapped in fireproof material if it is to be near any other surface.
5. Every float must have a cooling system sufficient to cool the engine.
6. No decorations may block the radiator or impede the wheels of operation of the float in any way.
7. Diesel trucks being used for floats are cautioned not to have an overload of fuel.
8. Gasoline tanks on self-contained units must be large enough to hold enough gas for the unit to complete the parade.
9. Batteries must be fully charged and of sufficient capacity to last the duration of the parade.
10. Electrical wiring must be an approved type for your use and be well insulated.
11. All wiring must be secured to the float or entry in a fashion as to minimize the risk of someone tripping over the wiring. All high-voltage (greater than 40 volts) junction points must be made in UL approved boxes or fixtures. All supply lines shall be current-limited by fuses or circuit breakers in a manner as to limit the current to the lowest possible for satisfactory operation, but in no case more than 250% of the normal load.
12. Generators must be securely mounted away from any flammable materials and be equipped with an exhaust line.
13. At least two (2) dry chemical fire extinguishers should be on each float. One at the rear of the unit and the other with the driver.
14. Any vehicles and all equipment must be checked for fuel, water, and any other vital liquids before reaching the assembly area.
15. On a self-contained float, the gas tank should be positioned as far from the driver as practical and be securely bolted to the frame.
16. The fuel tank must not be decorated in any way and is to be wrapped in fireproof material if it is located near the engine, exhaust, or battery.
17. Flexible connections should be used on fuel tanks to avoid leaks. Gas tank caps must be vented.
18. The driver of a self-contained float should have adequate space to maneuver and have easy access to exits in case of an emergency. A carbon monoxide detector should be placed in the driver's compartment.
19. Safety railings, belts, back supports, or handholds should be provided for riders.
20. Even if a float is self-propelled, a tow hitch must be provided in case of an emergency.
21. Tires must be reasonably new and of good quality.
22. A spare wheel and tire should be on each float with full access available for quick change in the parade route without the use of special equipment.
23. The steering mechanism must be capable of ordinary maneuvering with no less than a 45 foot turning radius. It is desirable to have as little play in the wheel as possible.
24. Axles, bearings, and wheels must be of adequate size to support the weight of the unit and must be in good condition.