

CANYON COUNTY FESTIVAL OF TREES GUIDELINES FOR DECORATED TREES, CENTERPIECES AND WREATHS

The Canyon County Festival is always appreciative of all of the beautiful trees, wreaths and centerpieces that we receive from our donors. We want to insure that the buyers of these items receive quality items to enjoy for years to come. Please keep this in mind while preparing your donated item and review the following guidelines.

ALL DONATED ITEMS

To insure that our buyers are receiving quality merchandise when making their purchase we do ask that all items be new when donated. Please make sure that the item is identified by the manufacturer as a flame-resistant or flame –retardant. This rule would also apply to any materials incorporated into the decorations of trees, wreaths or centerpieces.

TREE STANDS

All of the trees displayed at the festival will be subject to a wooden tree stand supplied by the festival. These stands add support for the tree while on display and especially on delivery. Before you decorate your tree, please make sure you have our volunteer secure a stand to your tree. If you will be decorating your tree prior to delivering it to the Idaho Center, please make arrangements with our Festival of Trees Board to pick up a wooden stand in advance. Only metal tree stands are allowed, no plastic.

TREE SIZE

The trees in the large tree category cannot exceed 8 feet in height; this would include any tree top decorations.

TREE COLOR

The trees will be seen and judged in dim lighting at the festival with the tree lights on. Please make sure when selecting your tree that you choose a color that blends with your theme, accents your decorations and attracts buyers. **NO FIBER OPTIC TREES ARE ALLOWED.**

DECORATIONS

Please use decorations that would be acceptable for any home or business. We ask that they be tasteful and holiday orientated.

Remember when you secure a decoration to a tree or wreath, please make sure that it is securely attached using florist wire or chenille stems. If you use an extremely fragile or expensive ornament or decoration, we may ask you to help us when packaging the tree for delivery. Keep in mind also the weight of the tree, not only for balance but also for delivery purposes. Trees are delivered to a variety of locations with many different delivery obstacles to keep in mind. Please do not use heavy items like rocks, bricks, glass or thick woods.

The trees will be delivered and set up on site the way you have designed it and also as the buyer remembers it when purchased.

TREE BOXES

Please bring the original box that the tree was packaged in at purchase. These boxes are sent with the delivery and used to help package items around the tree and will go to the purchaser.

LIGHTS

Only listed electrical lights and wiring shall be used on trees and other decorations.

Lights must be UL approved. Please leave the UL tags attached and keep all light boxes as the Fire Marshall may request to see them. You may use any size of lights as long as they are UL listed for use on Christmas trees and for indoor use. **LARGE BULB OUTDOOR LIGHTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DUE TO THE HEAT GENERATED WHILE IN USE. NO FIBER OPTIC TREES ARE ALLOWED.**

Purchase quality lights and do not use used lights.

If you are additional lights, bring a power strip to wire in the middle of your tree (around the trunk) to plug the lights into.

Please secure lights to the tree, pipe cleaners work well to secure.

ORNAMENTS, DECORATIONS AND MATERIALS

All ornaments with an inserted or slip-on hanging attachment found on satin or glass balls should be glued so the hanger cannot slip off.

Please use materials that will withstand moving, tipping and being covered by plastic bags.

If you are using any natural materials like Baby's Breath, starlite gyp or any other dried materials, please make sure they are sprayed OFFSITE with fire retardant before adding as decorations on the tree.

Remember, the height of the tree, including tree top decorations cannot exceed 8 feet.

This rule is for delivery purposes.

We recommend that you include items under your tree that are in proportion and compliment the tree. A skirt or drape as well as wrapped boxes, stuffed animals, toys and other items add a finishing touch as well as selling appeal.

ALL ITEMS PLACED UNDER OR AROUND THE TREE ARE SOLD WITH THE TREE. DO NOT PUT ANY ITEMS AROUND THE TREE THAT YOU WANT TO KEEP.

If you have any special details that need to be taken care of during the festival, please make sure you bring it to the attention of one of our volunteers. This would include items to be turned on and off during the festival display. If you have an item that might need batteries, please provide batteries and our volunteers will change them when needed.