



2023 Canada Day Parade Rules and Regulations

The Canada Day Parade is an annual event held on July 1 and is coordinated by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The parade starts on Riedel Street, travels North on Franklin Avenue and ends on Main Street. Registered floats will marshal along Clearwater Drive.

These rules apply to ALL entries

1. Your completed signed and/or electronically submitted application form is your acceptance, on behalf of your entry and all your entry's participants, of all Canada Day Parade rules and regulations.
2. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo assumes no responsibility in connection with and makes no representation as to safety of any parade entry, in whole or in part, solely by reason of compliance with Canada Day Parade rules and regulations.
3. The ultimate responsibility for safety lies with each individual entry. Entries must comply with all Canada Day Parade rules and regulations as well as comply with all government regulations, safety codes, manufacturer's recommendations, and similar standards.
4. Canada Day Parade Officials determine location of all entries in the parade and the entry must maintain that position throughout the parade unless otherwise directed by a parade Official.
5. Canada Day Parade Officials will reject any entry on parade day that does not meet the regulations or conform to the description on their parade application. The only exceptions would be for entries arriving in better appearance than described.
6. All instructions of Canada Day Parade Officials must be obeyed. Failure to do so will result in removal from the parade and may jeopardize participation in future Canada Day Parades. Safety is our priority.
7. Canada Day Parade Officials reserve the right to remove any entry, at any time, because of safety concerns, interference with the parade's progress or any other reason that Parade Officials deem appropriate.

8. The Canada Day Parade is a community event and therefore inappropriate music (profanity/swearing/degrading, etc.) or attire unsuitable for viewing by our family audience is not acceptable.
9. The use of noisemakers or band practice is forbidden near animals. The firing of live or blank firearms is not permitted.
10. All entries pertaining to music must have appropriate sound systems and must have the prior approval of the Canada Day Parade Officials. Playing music through a vehicle's stereo system and speakers will not be approved.
11. Blowing of horns, sirens and playing loud music will only be allowed during parade times and must be kept to a reasonable level. Acceptable noise levels will be determined by the Parade Officials and any requests to adjust sound levels must be adhered to.
12. A sensory time will be provided during the parade. All float registrants must refrain from turning on their lights and sound while traveling on Main Street. This will be an opportunity for those with sensitivities to light and sound to attend the parade.
13. Fuel tanks should be topped off just prior to the parade. Containers of fuel **MUST NOT** be carried on any parade entry.
14. All vehicle entries must be clean and a minimum 80% decorated. Any entry which does not meet decoration requirements, will not be permitted to enter the parade route. Wrapped vehicles must be a minimum 80% decorated in addition to their "wrap". Wrapped vehicles and custom paint jobs may be incorporated into the design of the decoration but are not considered decorations.
15. Entries may not consist of multiple of the same type of vehicle (ex. Two half-ton trucks within one entry). Entries which consist of one truck and one quad would be acceptable. Semi-trailer, tractor trailer and 18 wheelers are **NOT** permitted in the parade. A semi-truck on its own is allowed.

Semi-Truck; allowed in conjunction with a flat deck trailer.

Allowed



NOT Allowed



16. Protective equipment must be worn while accompanying your entry.
17. Canada Day Parade Officials encourage entries to include mascots. Please ensure all mascots have a handler with them.
18. All vehicles must be in good mechanical condition and properly serviced prior to the parade. Special attention must be paid to cooling systems, exhaust systems, brakes, steering and tires.
19. Drivers and other persons on all entries must have a means of quick and safe escape in case of an emergency.
20. Parade lineup assignments, arrival times, parade map and hyperlink to the mandatory virtual parade orientation will be emailed to the parade applicant. An authorized representative for each group is required to attend one of the virtual Microsoft Teams meetings on **June 29th at 12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.**
21. All entries are required to be in place at their designated arrival time. Failure to arrive at your designated time may result in your removal from the parade.

22. All entries are inspected on the parade line-up upon arrival on parade day, for safety and content approvals. Any entry not meeting the safety requirements, not family friendly or socially acceptable will be removed from the parade.
23. All groups using animals of any type in the parade are required to have a clean-up crew with the animal(s). All animal waste is to be disposed of properly. All animals must be on a leash, have proper shelter from weather and food/water.
24. Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on any parade participant, to include during marshalling and the parade. Participants who consume alcohol or other controlled substances prior to parade start are not permitted to enter and will be removed from the parade.
25. There will be no smoking allowed in the parade or marshalling area.
26. For safety reasons, participants shall not mount/dismount from entries unless the entry has come to a complete stop.
27. All registered floats must designate a minimum of two volunteers as safety walkers. These individuals will walk alongside both sides of the float and ensure that parade spectators remain on the sidewalk and not approach a moving vehicle.
28. In case of an emergency please follow the direction of the on-site safety personnel.

Regulations for floats:

29. Float Structure Requirements and Restrictions:
 - a. Height Restriction - maximum of 17 feet (5.2 meters) in height on the parade route and 13 feet 6 inches (4.5 meters) in height through normal traffic
 - b. Width Restriction - maximum of 8 feet 6 inches (2.6 meters) wide.
 - c. Length Restriction - No entry may exceed a length of 53 feet (16.15 meters) total overall length. Only one towed unit per entry.
 - d. Over Dimensional Load Permits are required for vehicles/load over 4.5 meters high or 2.6 meters wide.
30. Float Mechanical Requirements and Restrictions:
 - a. All towing vehicles must be in good mechanical order
 - b. All towing vehicles must have safety chains between the pulling unit and the float
 - c. Tires must have the proper amount of air and be in good condition
 - d. Brakes and pulling capacity must be checked prior to the parade
 - e. Brakes, steering and headlights must be in good working order
31. Safety Requirements and Restrictions:

- a. No sharp projections, which might result in injury, should be used as a prop or in the construction of any float entry.
- b. Candles or other open-flame items are not permitted on floats
- c. Generators on floats are permitted and must be placed a safe distance from hay bales or other flammable materials.
- d. All units are required to have a stocked first aid kit and tagged fire extinguisher on board (required at check in)
- e. Each vehicle must have a spotter to ride with the driver
- f. All floats are required to have a safety spotter assist parking their float in their designated area.

32. Decorating and Music Requirements and Restrictions:

- a. All participants, including drivers, should be festively attired.
- b. All float entries are required to be clean and a minimum of **80% decorated** to include all sides of the entry, tow vehicle and trailer parts.
- c. Decorations must be appropriately attached to the vehicle and trailer. No duct tape should be visible.
- d. Our parades are family friendly and socially conscious. Any float, decorations that are deemed inappropriate by parade organizers will not be allowed to participate.

Insurance Requirements:

All entries must provide evidence that insurance is maintained for your entry.

The purpose of requesting insurance is to ensure that the members of the public and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) is protected in the event of any third-party liability claims arising out of the actions of the parade entrants.

All motor vehicle entries:

A copy of the insurance policy declarations or a certificate of insurance evidencing \$1,000,000 liability is required for personal vehicles and \$2,000,000 liability is required for commercial vehicles; pink cards may be considered with a letter of confirmation from your broker/insurance company stating that your insurance is currently active, noting that the participants Insurance is primary.

1. Complete legal name and address of the applicant (insured) for which insurance has been arranged. Please note that the insured name shown **must exactly match the name on the municipal parade registration.**
2. The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo added as “additional insured” with respect to liability arising out of the participation of the names insured in the July 1, 2023, RMWB Canada Day Parade.

3. The Certificate of Insurance must require that the insurance provider give the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo any notice of cancellation by giving fifteen (15) days' notice of termination by registered mail or five (5) days written notice hand delivered to the following address: 9909 Franklin Ave, Fort McMurray AB T9H 2K4 attn. Public Works.

*If you are submitting a vehicle, please ensure you comply with both insurance requirements listed above. The vehicle information can be reflected on the insurance certificate should they be coming from the same insurance company.

Participants are to conduct themselves in a responsible manner respecting other participants, volunteers, and neighboring communities. Though the Canada Day Parade Officials make every effort to ensure the safety of personnel, animals, and property, it is the responsibility of the parade participants to ensure the safety of bystanders and/or private or public property within their control or supervision.