

## 2026 Canada Day Parade Rules and Regulations

### 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 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 reserve the right to reject any entry on parade day that does not comply with the regulations or align with the description provided in the parade application. The only exception would be entries that arrive in a condition or presentation that exceeds what was 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 a family audience is not acceptable.
9. All entries pertaining to music must have appropriate sound systems and must have the prior approval of Canada Day Parade Officials. Playing music through a vehicle stereo system and speakers will not be approved.
10. The use of noisemakers or band practice is forbidden near animals. The firing of live or blank firearms is not permitted.





11. The 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 Parade Officials, and any requests to adjust sound levels must be adhered to.
12. A designated sensory friendly time will be included during the parade to support an inclusive and welcome experience for all attendees. During this period, float participants are kindly asked to refrain from using lights and sound. This allows individuals with sensitivities to light and sound to comfortably enjoy the parade. The sensory friendly area will be clearly identified on the parade route map, which will be available on our website.
13. Fuel tanks should be topped off just prior to the parade. Containers of fuel **MUST NOT** be carried on any parade entry.
14. Items distributed in the parade must be appropriate. For example, no pamphlets, business cards, or flyers. It is recommended that edible items be peanut-free.
15. Parade passengers must stand or sit away from the edge of the float. Safety rails are required on all floats with participants riding on them. Safety rails must be 3 feet in height.
16. All floats must designate a minimum of two volunteers as safety walkers. Depending on the size of your float, the number of safety walkers may be higher. These individuals will walk alongside both sides of the float and ensure that parade spectators remain behind the barriers and do not approach a moving vehicle. Participants found throwing giveaways will immediately be removed from the Parade and banned from participating in all future Parades.
17. In the interest of public safety, organizations distributing items in the parade must approach spectators behind the barriers. Volunteers distributing items must not be the same individuals who have been designated as safety walkers with your group. Safety walkers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
18. If spectators step onto the road during the parade and are seen by safety personnel, law enforcement will stop the parade immediately. All floats will remain stationary until the area is clear, and it is safe to continue.
19. Entries may not consist of multiples 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-trailers, tractor trailers, and 18 wheelers are **NOT** permitted in the parade. A semi-truck on its own is allowed.
20. Semi-Truck; allowed in conjunction with a flat deck trailer.  
**Allowed**





**NOT Allowed**



21. Protective equipment must be worn while accompanying your entry.
22. Canada Day Parade Officials encourage entries to include mascots. Please ensure that all mascots have a handler with them.
23. 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.
24. Drivers and other people on all entries must have a means of quick and safe escape in case of an emergency.
25. Parade lineup assignments, arrival times, the parade route map, and an invitation to the mandatory virtual orientation will be sent to the parade application via email. An authorized representative from each group is required to attend one of the scheduled virtual Microsoft Teams meetings.
26. All entries must be in place at their designated arrival time. Failure to arrive at your designated time may result in your removal from the parade.
27. All parade entries will be inspected upon arrival for safety and content approval. Any entry that does not meet safety standards, is not family-friendly, or is deemed socially inappropriate will be removed from the parade.





28. All groups using animals in the parade must 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.
29. The use of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and smoking is strictly prohibited on all floats, in vehicles, and by participants at any time, including during marshalling and throughout the parade. Individuals who have consumed alcohol or controlled substances prior to the parade will not be permitted to participate and will be removed.
30. For safety reasons, participants shall not mount/dismount from entries unless the entry has come to a complete stop.
31. In case of an emergency, please follow the directions from on-site safety personnel.

### **Regulations for floats:**

32. 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 53 feet (16.15 meters) total. 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.
33. 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.
34. Safety Requirements and Restrictions:
  - a. No sharp projections, which might result in injury, should be used as props 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 at 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 must have a safety spotter to help park their float in their designated area.
35. Decorating and Music Requirements and Restrictions:
  - a. All participants, including drivers, should be festively attired.





- b. All floats are required to be clean and a minimum of **80% decorated** to include all sides of the entry, towing vehicle, and trailer parts. Any entry not meeting decoration requirements will not be allowed 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.
  - c. Decorations must be appropriately attached to the vehicle and trailer. No duct tape should be visible.
  - d. Our parades are family friendly and community minded. Floats or decorations deemed inappropriate by parade organizers will not be permitted to participate.
36. Participants must act responsibly and show respect to other participants, volunteers, and community members. While Canada Day Parade officials work hard to keep everyone safe, it is each participant’s responsibility to make sure bystanders and any property they manage, or control are kept safe.

