



Hay Bale Decorating Contest Application

Applications are due by 4:00 PM on Friday,
August 1st, 2025.

Entrants will be notified of their application
status by 4:00 PM on Friday, August 16th 2025.

Communication is primarily through E-Mail. You MUST provide a working E-Mail address

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Organization (if applicable): _____

Design Idea:

*****Entrants must attach a photo or sketch of the design idea for approval.*****

PRIZE: The "Best Overall" Hay Bale will receive a prize.

DECORATING DATES: September 19th - 25th, 2025.

*** Additional details regarding hay bale decorating can be found in the "Rules".

DECORATING TIMES: Mahr Park is open daily from Dawn until Dusk.

LOCATION: Mahr Park Arboretum
55 Mahr Park Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Friday August 1, 2025, to ensure that your hay bale is ordered and reserved.
2. You will be notified of your application status on or before 4:00 PM on Friday, August 16, 2025, if you are not notified at the time of submission.
3. Entrants **MUST** submit a photo or sketch of the design idea. The design must be approved.
4. One hay bale will be provided to entrants at no cost. Additional hay bales can be purchased from us at cost (\$40 per bale) or can be purchased and delivered from other suppliers.
5. Requests for additional hay bales must be submitted by Monday, September 8, 2025, to ensure the bale(s) arrive to your bale location in time for decorating.
6. Hay bale decorations must be in good condition, clean and wholesome. No vulgar or suggestive decorations are permitted.
7. Paper is not allowed to be used for the main features of the hay bale due to lack of sustainability in various weather conditions. Cardboard **MUST** be reinforced to withstand the weather.
8. If your hay bale begins to fall apart at any point from mid-October through November 7th, you will be notified to come and make any repairs and dispose of any debris created. If your hay bale cannot be repaired or is neglected, we reserve the right to remove it from the trail.
9. Hay bales will be numbered, and entrants will be assigned a specific number.
10. No decorating is allowed before the designated decorating dates.
11. Hay Bale tear down may take place between October 31-November 7, 2025.
12. All decorations must be picked up by Friday, November 7, 2025. We will dispose of hay bales.
13. Political Signage is prohibited, Commercial/Business signs are allowed.
14. Voting for the "Best Overall" hay bale will take place via google form. The link will be shared on The City of Madisonville's Facebook and Website. There will be a QR Code on the numbered Hay Bale Signs.
15. Voting will end on October 10, 2025. The winner will be announced via Facebook and contacted by October 17, 2025.

Applications can be submitted in person or electronically:

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