



Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays Contest

The Delicious Details...

The Dayton Holiday Festival is pleased to present the thirteenth annual Gingerbread Homes for the Holidays Contest in conjunction with the 2017 Grande Illumination. We are looking for the best gingerbread houses in Dayton, so use your imagination and create a masterpiece of your own! Everyone is invited to participate. Entries will be displayed in the Old Court House at the corner of Third & Main Streets in Downtown Dayton.

Friday, November 24, 2017
Entries Dropped Off: 10 a.m.-12 noon
Judging: 1-2 p.m. **Public Viewing:** 4-8 p.m. on 11/24
Deadline for Entry Forms: Friday, November 17

Get Rolling and Win Dough! Two \$500 Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded!

First place in each category will receive a sweet prize package featuring a variety of prize items. Award ribbons will also be given to first, second, and third place in each category. One house out of all the amateur entries and one house from the professional category will be selected as the "Best House on the Block" and will each receive a **\$500 cash prize** for being the best in show! Winners will be notified after judging is completed and will have an opportunity to be recognized on the Main Stage on Courthouse Square before the tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 24. Winners will have their check mailed to them within 30 days.

Contest Rules/Guidelines:

- Each entry must be submitted on a wooden or plastic base.
- The size of the structure's base support shall not exceed 20"x20".
- The structure can be made from gingerbread, cardboard, or a purchased kit.
- All exposed surfaces of the structure and all decorations must be covered with edible materials (with the exception of the base/foundation).
- Battery operated lights are permitted; however, they must be inside the structure and turned on by the entrant.
- Designs may be any structure such as houses, public buildings, businesses, etc.
- Judging will be based on overall appearance, neatness, creativity, and best use of materials.
- Anyone who currently or previously has received payment for their cake/pastry skills or is a trained professional needs to enter the **Professional** category in this contest.
- Cash prizes will not be awarded if judges decide that there is not an entry that qualifies as best in show.
- Instructions on picking up your entry after the contest will be included in a confirmation letter.
- If you have questions regarding which category to enter, please contact us at the information below.

For more information, visit www.daytonholidayfestival.org or call (937) 224-1518 ext. 227



The Downtown Dayton Partnership and participating sponsors cannot be held responsible for any damage to your entry.

Contest Entry Form Deadline: *Friday, November 17*

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Return entry form to:

Downtown Dayton Partnership Attn. Emilee Langenkamp Fax: 937-224-3602
 10 W. Second St., Suite 611, Dayton, Ohio 45402 Phone: 937-224-1518

Category (please check one)

Amateur Categories

- Adult (18+)
 Teen (13-17; no adult assistance)
 Kid (12 & under; adult assistance welcome)

Professional Category

- Professional

Staff Use Only:
 Entrant # _____