

RACINE'S SPOOKTACULAR HOMES 2025

OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

Eligibility

- Open to City of Racine residents only.
- Only residents may enter their own homes (no third-party nominations).
- The property must be a residential address within city limits.
- Only exterior decorations visible from the street will be considered.

Entry Requirements

- Entries must be submitted using the official form or by emailing name, address, and up to three photos of your home's exterior Halloween decorations to communications@cityofracine.org
- Each entry must include at least one clear photo (*maximum three*).
- Photos should depict family-friendly content appropriate for all ages.
- The deadline to submit entries is Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 11:45 p.m.
- By submitting, participants agree to allow the City of Racine to use their submitted photos, first names, and approximate locations (*e.g., "900 block of Main Street"*) on City-managed websites, publications, and social media platforms for promotional purposes.

Display Guidelines

- Decorations must comply with all local ordinances (noise, lighting, signage, etc.).
- No displays may block sidewalks, streets, or driveways.
- Please be considerate of neighbors when using sound, lighting, or motion elements.

Judging & Awards

- **Mayor's Choice:** First, Second, and Third place will be selected by City staff.
- **People's Choice:** Determined by social media votes on the City's Facebook page.
- Winners will be announced on Friday, October 31, 2025.
- This contest is for bragging rights only – no monetary or material prizes will be awarded. Winners receive a social media spotlight, mention in the City's e-newsletter, and a printable digital certificate.

Voting Rules (for People's Choice)

- Photos will be posted in an official City of Racine Facebook album on October 29.
- Reactions ("likes," "hearts," etc.) will count as votes.
- Votes will be tallied at 10 a.m. on October 31.
- The photo with the most combined reactions at that time wins.

Disclaimers

- The City of Racine reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate or that fails to meet the rules.
- The City assumes no responsibility for property damage or injury resulting from participation in this contest.