



GIANT PUMPKIN AND GOURD DONATIONS NEEDED

Pumpkins on Parade is the Gardens on Spring Creek's signature fall event, serving as a fun-for-all-ages celebration of Halloween and the harvest! This annual community event features hundreds of pumpkins and gourds arranged in artistic displays, a community carved pumpkin contest, and fun and festive activities for the whole family. Highlighting locally-grown giant pumpkins and gourds is a fun and educational part of this event, and we need your help to make this year's event a success!



THE GARDENS IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF GIANT PUMPKINS AND GOURDS!

As a thank you for your generous donation to this important community event, we are able to offer the following benefits to growers who donate pumpkins or gourds weighing 100 pounds or more:

- Four complimentary event tickets, redeemable October 23-26, 2025
- Grower recognition on event web page, with link to business if applicable.
- Custom sign next to your giant pumpkin / gourd at the event

Additionally, we will award a \$250 growers fee for donations over 500 pounds and \$500 for donations of 1,000 pounds or more!

WHEN IS THE EVENT?

Pumpkins on Parade will take place nightly from Oct. 23 – 26, 2025. We will need to know about incoming giant pumpkin donations by October 13, though more advance notice is very helpful since we will be creating custom signs and planning our event displays based on this information. We will need to receive donations by Oct. 20.

HOW WILL MY PUMPKIN OR GOURD BE USED?

We display the giant pumpkins and gourds in a variety of ways – either on their own or as part of creative displays. If you have a preference for how your donation is used, we are happy to discuss that with you.

CAN YOU PICK UP MY DONATION?

If you are participating in the Fort Collins Nursery Annual Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off, we will arrange to pick your donation up directly from Fort Collins Nursery after the event. For other donations, we will coordinate pick up based on staff availability and the pick-up location.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY DONATION AFTER THE EVENT?

If you would like to have the seeds returned to you, we will make that happen. As part of our commitment to sustainability, the Gardens on Spring Creek partners with a number of local farms for leftover pumpkins to be used as animal feed.

If you are growing a pumpkin or gourd you would like to donate, please contact Aaron Varnell in the Events Department: 970.416.6787 | avarnell@fcgov.com.