

**Spruce Meadows
International Christmas
Market
Vendor Manual**

As of February 26, 2025

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SHOW INFORMATION

1. SHOW DATES & HOURS*

Friday, November 14th – 10:00am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 15th – 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, November 16th – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, November 21st – 10:00am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 22nd – 10:00am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, November 23rd – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, November 28th – 10:00am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 29th – 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, November 30th – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Hours are subject to change*

Public will be allowed through the gates, into our **outdoor areas** to shop 15 minutes prior to posted event start.

Vendors in the following locations need to be present in their booths and ready to open doors 15 mins before posted event start:

- Village Shops (Mini Homes)
- Hoeckers
- Founders Plaza Pavilion

Venue Access

VENDORS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS **ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SHOW OPENING ONLY.**

VENDOR RESTOCKING: Thursday's 10am – 7pm and Friday mornings 8:30am – 9:30am.

Only vendors with the relevant vendor pass will be allowed entry into the venue[s]. For security reasons, no access into the exhibit area[s] will be granted until one hour prior to show times. Likewise, vendors will be asked to leave the exhibit area **½ hour** after the show closes each evening.

Vendor Booth Staffing

Vendors must be at their booths 15 mins prior to show open and have their booth open and ready when the market is open to the public.

Late arrivals and early closings of booths will be noted on file - such infractions will jeopardize future participation at Spruce Meadows Markets and Christmas Market. Failure to be ready on time will result in a warning. Second warning will be a \$50 fine and third warning will be a \$100 fine and will not return to the market in the future.

2. LEAVING EARLY POLICY

Vendors shall not leave or pack up any products prior to the closing of the Christmas Market on any given day. Should a vendor leave prior to the end of the market day, they risk being removed from the market and any participation in future markets at Spruce Meadows.

3. LOAD IN/LOAD OUT

Load in: Wednesday, November 12th and Thursday, November 13th: 10:00 am-7:00 pm

*Hoeckers, Mini Homes and Country Booths please contact Exhibit Office to request early load in access on Tuesday, November 11th from 9:00 am-5:00pm.

Load out: Sunday, November 30th*: 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm and Monday, December 1st – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm*

***No vehicle access for move out will be allowed onto grounds until all public has cleared.**

During move-in, you will be able to drive directly to the door nearest to your exhibit space. Please unload your products and displays as quickly as possible and park your vehicle in one of the vendor parking lots, to allow other vendors access. Large items can be moved in prior to the main move-in dates with permission from the Spruce Meadows Exhibits team. Any trailers parked outside the designated vendor parking areas, will be moved into the appropriate locations under the guidance of Spruce Meadows and assistance of Global Show Services. Move out will commence when the show closes on the final Sunday. Products **must not be removed** from the exhibit areas prior to the closing time.

Candy Cane Lane - 1 or 2 weekend vendors move in the Thursday before the event: 10:00am - 7:00 pm. Please contact exhibits office for access and passes at 403-974-4268. Move out is Sunday evening 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

4. VENDOR PASSES

Vendor passes will be provided for exhibit personnel only. For security purposes, passes must be worn at all times while exhibiting at Spruce Meadows and must be worn to enter exhibit areas one hour prior to show opening. Passes will be issued based on booth size as outlined on the application. If extra passes are required, they can be purchased at \$45.00/per pass. All employees working within your booth will require their own pass.

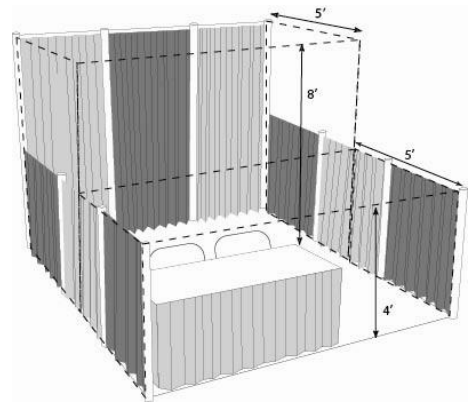
5. VENDOR PARKING

All Vendors with booths in the Horizons Pavilion, Congress Hall and Courtyard/Upper Plaza will be directed to Lot 9. Vendors in the Equi-Plex, Riding Hall, Candy Cane Lane and Founders Plaza can park alongside the barns on the North side of the grounds. **All trailers** must be parked in Lot 7A, please ask Exhibits staff for directions. Please notify the Exhibits team if you are leaving your trailer on Spruce Meadows property.

Campers are not allowed on the grounds. Parking passes will be issued according to booth size, as outlined on the application. Additional parking passes can be purchased at \$45.00/per pass.

6. EXPECTED BOOTH DISPLAY STANDARDS

- Perimeter booths are permitted to exceed 8 feet in height, provided the display is finished on all sides.
- Promotional material or products are strictly prohibited outside the confines of your exhibit space.
- Island booth display cannot exceed side wall drape line (typically 5 feet in height) to ensure sight lines are maintained between booths.
- **Spruce Meadows provides booth signage (8' wide x 1' high) stating Vendor/Product name and must remain visible.**
- Contests, free draws, raffles or the sale of tickets are not permitted.
- Any signage displayed within the booth must be professionally produced. Absolutely no handwritten signage will be allowed.
- Encroachment over the booth line into the aisle is not permitted. Should the booth set up extend into the aisle, the Vendor will be expected to ensure product is placed within the booth perimeter.
- As Spruce Meadows is a farm, it is strongly suggested bringing plastic bins with lids to store any additional items and that all food vendors store their product in Rubbermaid-type containers.
- Spruce Meadows Management reserves the right to veto any signage within or around the booth.
- Booth construction must be professional in appearance. Open concept booths are highly recommended.
- Vendors are responsible for maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of their booth space and flooring.
- Additional rentals will be available through our onsite rental company.
- Mood Lighting will be in place. Vendors are responsible for bringing additional display lighting if they require it.



Spruce Meadows has a very strict rule with regards to sight lines within all venues. Vendors are not permitted to block in any way sight lines along aisles. Any Vendor disrespecting this rule will be asked to remove all product displayed in this area.

7. SHOW SERVICE PROVIDER

Spruce Meadows works with Global Convention Services to provide all vendor booth needs.

Your booth fee includes the following display services:

- 8' skirted table
- Folding chair(s)
- Standard exhibit sign - size dependent on booth space **[this will be retained by Spruce Meadows for future events]**
- Booth Signs: 96" x 12" (8' wide x 1' high)
- Hoecker Signs: 36" x 24" (3' wide x 2' high)
- 1000-Watt, 110 VAC duplex electrical outlet (15amp plug). If your power exceeds **1500-watt 15 amp-120v** additional costs will be calculated on a case by case basis.
- 1 light stand/booth. Please note, Equi-Plex and Riding Hall have subdued lighting, should you require additional lighting for your booth you are welcome to order additional lighting through Global Convention or bring in your own.
- Daily aisle cleaning

Alternative table sizes are available at no charge. If you wish to change your table size, please connect with Global Convention Services directly.

If you require additional electricity, display services, or other show services, please contact Global Convention Services Inc. directly at:

Global Convention Services

Kyla Henry

P: (403) 273-8064

9168 52nd Street SE - Calgary, Ab – T2C.5A9

Email: essgroup@globalconvention.ca

8. EXHIBITS SHOW OFFICE

The Show Office is located inside the main entrance of the Equi-Plex. The office is **open 1 hour** before and **½ hour after all show days**. Upon load in, please register at the Exhibit Office to receive your vendor welcome package. This will include your vendor passes, a current exhibits layout, parking map, schedule of events and any applicable parking passes.

9. SHIPPING & WAREHOUSE

Pre-Show Shipments - The following guidelines apply to all pre-show shipments. Please advise Shipping and Receiving in advance of shipments (403-369-9781 or warehouse@sprucemeadows.com) and to arrange pickup or delivery of product.

Please note that all shipments to Spruce Meadows must be freight pre-paid. Shipments sent C.O.D. WILL NOT be accepted. Please ensure that all shipment fees, duties, customs fees, and G.S.T. are also pre-paid. Note: these fees will not be paid by Spruce Meadows, which could result in a receiving delay. **Pre-show crate storage is available for out-of-town vendors (outside a 100 km radius from Spruce Meadows) only.**

Please address all pre-show shipments to your company name (include a contact name, telephone number and your booth number) care of Spruce Meadows at the following address:

“YOUR EXHIBIT NAME” and “YOUR COMPANY NAME”
“Booth Number and International Christmas Market”
c/o Spruce Meadows Shipping & Receiving
18011 Spruce Meadows Way SW
Calgary, AB Canada T2X 4B7

Event Day Warehouse Drop Offs & Booth Delivery:

For booth drop offs, please arrange with Warehouse, and ensure items are dropped off no later than 1 hour prior to event opening. Delivery times for product are not guaranteed.

Post-Show Shipments - Post-show crate storage is available for out-of-town Vendors for a **maximum of (5) working days following the event.** Please advise our Shipping & Receiving Department of your post-show shipping arrangements prior to move-out. All post-show shipments must be pre-paid. You will be charged storage fees of \$1.00 per pound/week for any items left on Spruce Meadows property after the closing day of the event. Vendors will be charged storage fees if their items are not picked up after five days.

10. PAYMENT

A credit card number must accompany your Spruce Meadows application; however, it will NOT be charged unless your application is approved, and you confirm your participation.

If accepted, the following deposit structure applies:

Before May 31st, 2025 – 50% of total booth cost.

Before October 1st, 2025 - Remaining 50% the total booth cost.

Space must be 100% paid prior to the event start in order to secure space.

11. CANCELLATION POLICY

Prior to 60 days – 30% is retained.

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Within 30 days no refunds will be given.

Vendors that wish to cancel their participation in the Christmas Market are asked to do so in writing/email to the exhibits team at exhibit.programs@sprucemeadows.com. No shows without notice will not be refunded. Refunds will not be issued to vendors who have been dismissed under any circumstance. No cancellation refunds will be issued after October 11th, 2025.

12. FOOD VENDORS/AHS SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

All food vendors must complete the required form provided by Spruce Meadows and please return to the Spruce Meadows exhibits team by October 1st, 2025.

- All vendors with food who are providing product sampling must comply with current provincial regulations.
- All samples must be bite sized.
- No frying is permitted.

13. APPROVED ITEMS

All products offered for sale must be listed on the application form. Should a vendor wish to add a product to their booth it must be submitted in writing to the Spruce Meadows Exhibits team and approved prior to the market.

14. NO SUBLET

No subletting of any kind is permitted. There is only one vendor/company per booth that has been approved on your application. Anyone found subletting their booth will be removed from the show floor and not permitted at any future shows at Spruce Meadows and no refunds will be issued.

15. INSURANCE

As an approved exhibitor you must have adequate Liability Insurance with a minimum \$2,000,000 limit to protect the exhibitors, the attending public, Spruce Meadows, and yourself. Our insurance policy does not extend coverage to any exhibitor.

16. PROPANE INSPECTION

Any vendor using propane in their booth will be required to have the equipment available for inspection prior to the event - the time and place to be determined by Spruce Meadows. The cost of the inspection will be shared among vendors.

17. WIFI

Spruce Meadows has WIFI available for market vendors. WIFI Speed can not be guaranteed and should not be relied upon for transactional purposes. Please ensure devices and software are up to date and current. Out of date devices may not connect to the network or have a slow connection.

18. SECURITY

Spruce Meadows cannot be held responsible for vendors' booths or product. Security is provided by Spruce Meadows during "closed" hours.

- Vendors are to remain in their exhibit area until the public has left the building.
- Please cover or pack away small items when exhibit areas are closed.
- Please remove all valuables and cash from your exhibit immediately following the closing of the show.
- Several locations in the market are in tent style structures. Calgary weather is often unpredictable and can change very quickly; Spruce Meadows is not liable for any weather-related damage. We strongly suggest storing items in plastic, covered bins, and covering (tarping) items overnight to avoid any damage.
- **Vendors are responsible for arranging their own insurance coverage.**
- Vendors are responsible for securing their products and exhibit area.
- Following the close of the first weekend of the Christmas Market, there will be 24-hour security in place until opening of the second weekend, and then again until the opening of the third weekend.

19. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL

- All vendors must adhere to all safety requirements set forth by Alberta Health Services and Spruce Meadows Ltd. at all times. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from the 2025 Spruce Meadows International Christmas Market and participation in any future markets at Spruce Meadows.
- As per the Province of Alberta Employment Standards Code, children aged 12 and under may only be employed under artistic endeavors. Children aged 13-14 require parent or guardian consent and employment is only allowed if it does not have a negative impact on the life, health, education or welfare of the employee. Children in a booth will be assumed as employees and will require a vendor badge and must be of legal working age.
- Small businesses are NOT exempt from the Alberta Employment Standards Code. All vendors must follow the Alberta Employment Standards Code.
- Vendors will not be allowed to hand out flyers.

- Sampling will be permitted as per AHS guidelines.
- Appropriate Alberta Health Services (AHS) signs will be placed at all entries and exits and all admission booths.
- Security will be on-site to operate traffic flow and security on-site.
- We will be including high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene; and comply, with all AHS guidance.

20. THINGS TO NOTE

- Market vendor selection is at the discretion of the Spruce Meadows Exhibits team. Previous attendance at the Spruce Meadows Christmas Market does not guarantee acceptance at the 2025 Christmas Market.
- Placement of vendors is at the discretion of Spruce Meadows Exhibit's Team for the better of the 2025 Christmas Market with vendors, market presentation and customers in mind. Requests for specific locations are taken into consideration.
- Verbal, written or posted slander of Spruce Meadows, Spruce Meadows employees, vendors, customers, entertainment, or volunteers will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate removal from the Christmas Market without a refund.
- **Dress for the weather.** Doors to all venues will remain open for ease of access to our customers filtering through the door. Booths closest to the doors can get chilly, so please dress accordingly.
- The Tents (Hoeckers, Horizons Pavilion, and Founders Pavilion) are prone to CONDENSATION. This is because of the cooler temperature outdoors and warm temperature indoors. This is commonly an issue in the morning as the sun warms the buildings. Please know water may drip from the ceiling or along the walls and unfortunately, we are not able to control this.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Spruce Meadows

Krista Poffenroth – Exhibits Manager

Claire Colquhoun – Exhibits Co-ordinator

Montana Albrecht – Exhibits Co-ordinator

Email: Exhibit.Programs@sprucemeadows.com

Exhibit Phone: 403-974-4268

Spruce Meadows Exhibits Office (*During Event*) (403) 974-5863

Spruce Meadows Exhibits Fax (403) 974-4266

Shipping & Receiving (403) 369-9781

Global Convention Services

Gaby Martinez and Nate Heintz

Email: calgary@globalconvention.ca or gmartinez@globalconvention.ca / nheintz@globalconvention.ca

Phone: 403-831-8429

Customs Broker

Film Logic Customs Brokers Inc. - YYC

Telephone: (403) 452-2244 ext. 101

Travel Information

Spruce Meadows is located on the south side of Calgary, approximately two kilometres west of Highway #2 on Spruce Meadows Trail (Highway 22x).

Bridget MacQueen

Maritime Travel

Calgary, AB T2E 5T2

www.maritimetravel.com

Telephone: (403) 662-8427

Fax: (403) 531-9779

E-mail: bmacqueen@maritimetravel.ca

Hotels

Courtyard by Marriott – Seton

3750 Market Street SE

Calgary, Alberta

587-349-7599

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Carriage House Inn

9030 MacLeod Trail

Calgary, Alberta

403-253-1101

[Carriage House Hotel & Conference Center - South Calgary, AB](#)