



SCARECROWS IN THE MEADOW

Please fill out and return the attached biography sheet. It will be displayed with your scarecrow. Leave the scarecrow number blank and we will fill that out.

The frame is 6'6" tall, but will be at least 1' in the ground, so plan for a scarecrow that is 5'6" tall. The frame includes an adjustable cross piece for the shoulders. If you choose not to use the frame, your scarecrow must be self-supporting without digging into the ground.

How to Build a Basic Scarecrow

1. Create the Top - Put shirt over horizontal stake. Using a length of twine or string, tie off the bottom of the shirt at the waistline. Tie both sleeves shut. Using handfuls of stuffing material, stuff the chest cavity.
2. Create the Bottom Half - Stuff the pants before attaching them. Tie off both pant legs and firmly stuff the pants with whatever material you have chosen. To attach the pants, use twine to create a pair of suspenders for your scarecrow. Stuff the legs into a pair of shoes or boots.
3. Add the Head - Use an old pillowcase to form the head. Stuff it with filling and then pull it down over the top of the frame. Tie the neck to the vertical stake and form the shape of the head. Add face, hair, hat.

TIPS! TIPS! TIPS!

Straw, hay, leaves, grass clippings, wood chips, plastic bags, packing material, and rags are all good stuffing materials. Try to avoid using newspaper, as rainfall may cause it to become soggy and shapeless.

Cloth (or burlap) sacks stuffed with straw, hay, leaves, etc. can serve as long-lasting heads, onto which you can easily draw the features (or sew or glue them on). Pumpkins make for more striking scarecrow heads but do not last as long (unless you use artificial ones.)

Buttons make great eyes and faces. Wigs and hats give the scarecrow personality.

Use wire or coat hangers to make posable arms.

Need an outfit? **The Clothes Tree**, a benefit thrift shop in Bantam, is a great place to find an outfit for your scarecrow (and yourself!) They are located at 906 Bantam Road in Bantam, CT.

Deliver completed scarecrows at the Tapping Reeve Meadow (82 South St.) on Friday, October 18th from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. For earlier deliveries, completed scarecrows can be brought to at the Litchfield Historical Society (7 South St.) during open hours (Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00, Saturday- Sunday 11:00-5:00). To arrange alternative drop-off times, call 860-567-4501 or email kzullo@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

ALL SCARECROWS MUST BE DELIVERED BY 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th

