



BUCKET OF JUNK COMPETITION

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ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 1, 2026

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES June 15, 2026

BUCKET OF JUNK PICK-UP DATE at the ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS June 19, 2026, 9AM-4PM

ENTRY DROP OFF JULY 18, 2026, 9AM-3PM and JULY 21, 2026, 12PM-6PM

ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 26, 2026, 12PM-6PM and AUGUST 27, 2026, 3PM-7PM

Entry Fee: \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Ages: 18 & Up

Prize Checks: Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.
***Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

Bucket of Junk Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, June 13, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Anyone 18 years old and older is eligible to enter this competition. If you are under 18, please refer to the Juniors Department.
4. One reservation per family or household. The project may be the group effort of a family or household.
5. There will be ten (10) bucket of junk reservations available starting April 1, 2026. Please register your entry early, reservations go fast!
6. Creations are to be brought to the Creative Arts Exhibit Area on the Fairgrounds.
7. When you bring your creation to the Fairgrounds, please bring back the bucket.
8. If after receiving the items, you realize you will not be able to complete the project, please bring the items back to the office and we will contact the next person on the waiting list. Not returning the items or not bringing the completed project could result in not being able to enter this project in the future.

Judging Criteria

1. The contestant used only the materials that were provided (required). 25%
2. The contestant used the materials in a new way to create something different. 25%
3. The contestant's ideas are recognizable. (Clarity of the idea) 25%
4. The contestant's overall finished appearance of the sculpture. 25%
(This includes the difficulty of the piece & how well it was made)

BUCKET OF JUNK COMPETITION CLASSES

Premiums Offered: 1st Place Blue \$75, 2nd Place Red \$50, 3rd Place Yellow \$35

BUCKET OF JUNK-23

1. Bucket of Junk (10 entries)