



HOME & TM GARDEN SHOW

February 27 – March 1, 2026

**New Jersey Home & Garden Show
New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center
Edison, NJ**

EXHIBITOR SERVICES MANUAL

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Dear Exhibitor:

Thank you for participating in the 2026 New Jersey Home & Garden Show in Edison set for February 27-March 1!

A special thank you to our sponsors:



Being prepared for the event will help you have a successful show. This documentation includes your official Exhibitor Services Manual with all the information to ensure your success.

Please read through this information carefully and pass along to all employees that will be setting up, working the space, or breaking down.

We appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you in Edison.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SHOW DATES/HOURS & COLORS:

February 27 - March 1, 2026

- Friday 3pm – 8pm
- Saturday 10am – 7pm
- Sunday 10am – 5pm

ALL DRAPE IS BLACK



SHOW LOCATION & SHIPPING - LABEL AS FOLLOWS:

New Jersey Convention Center

Add: YOUR COMPANY NAME, BOOTH NUMBER and NJ HOME & GARDEN SHOW

97 Sunfield Avenue

Edison, NJ 08837

732-417-1400

www.njexpocenter.com

SHIPPING DIRECT TO THE CONVENTION CENTER: Any exhibitor materials arriving on February 25th or 26th will be accepted by Show Management. Freight sent earlier must be coordinated through General Exposition Services – details below. We are not responsible for loss of materials since we simply accept shipments and deliver boxes to your booth. Check your insurance to make sure you are covered in case of theft. Please be sure to add your company name, booth number and number of boxes to the labels of any boxes you are shipping to the New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center.

ADVANCED SHIPPING:

Exhibitors wishing to ship materials in advance should work directly with General Exhibition Services at info@generalexposition.com or 610-495-8866. There will be material handling fees.

FORKLIFT SERVICES:

Complimentary forklift service is available on a first-come, first-served basis for exhibitors.

Move-In:

Thursday, February 26 – 8 AM to 4 PM

Friday, February 27 – 8 AM - NOON

Move-Out

Sunday, March 1 - 5 PM to 9 PM

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF TAXATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The New Jersey sales tax rate is 6.625% and must be collected on all retail transactions. All exhibitors selling products must submit a NJ Tax Form NJ-REG to collect sales tax. **You must complete the NJ-REG at least 15 days before you begin business in New Jersey.** [GO TO: NJ-REG](#)
- You can register your business online in New Jersey here: <https://www.njportal.com/DOR/BusinessRegistration/>
- Frequently asked questions and answers can be found here: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/vendorpromoter.shtml>
- If you need help completing the Business Registration Application ([Form NJ-REG](#)) or have any registration questions: Call the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services' Business Registration Services Office at 609-292-9292 (Option #1). Its hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State holidays).
- The New Jersey Division of Taxation often canvasses shows. Please be prepared to avoid on-site challenges.



GENERAL INFORMATION - continued

INSURANCE:

All exhibitors must have a commercial general liability policy of not less than \$1,000,000.00 naming the New Jersey Home & Garden Show (NJHGS) as an additional insured as follows “Chandler Venture Group Inc. dba All Show Services, 11121 Rosemont Dr., Rockville, MD 20852. For Feb. 27 – March 1, 2026”. Exhibitor agrees to carry adequate personal and property damage liability and workers’ compensation insurance. Certificates of insurance must be furnished by Exhibitor if requested by NJHGS and must be available on-site during the event. Failure by NJHGS to request proof of insurance shall not relieve Exhibitor from carrying proper coverage. Exhibitor understands that NJHGS does not maintain insurance covering Exhibitor’s property or person and it is the sole responsibility of Exhibitor to obtain such insurance.

If you do not already have insurance, you can purchase it for \$75 plus tax from Total Event: [Go to TOTAL EVENT INSURANCE – Exhibitor APPLICATION](#)

- Email your certificate of insurance for liability and workman’s compensation to info@allshowservices.com.

LIABILITY:

The Exhibitor is responsible for the booth area assigned and agrees to pay for any damage caused to the floor, walls, doors, etc. during the time they have contracted for the space (move-in and move-out included).

SECURITY:

The Show will provide Security Guards Friday and Saturday nights after the show closes. However, attention is particularly called to the necessity for insurance covering all risks (liability, fire, theft, damage, etc.) on your exhibit from place of shipment to the exhibition facility and return, including the period during which materials remain in the exhibition facility.

HOTEL:

- Book your Hotel Room at the COURTYARD EDISON WOODBRIDGE
- **Deadline to book is January 31, 2026**
- 3105 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ
- Phone - 732-738-1991
- \$99/night. Book rooms here: [COURTYARD EDISON WOODBRIDGE](#)

GARDEN AREAS:

- Absolutely no power strips or extension cords can be in or on the mulch unless it is in conduit because it is quite flammable. The fire marshal will be checking this
- You must place visqueen or a similar material on the floor before you place anything on the floor in your booth.
- Bring your own skid steer to move your pallets in and out of the hall.

FLOORING:

- **NEW!!! Please consider having floor covering for your booth. It must be secured with GAFFERS tape. In 2027 floor coverings are REQUIRED.**

MOVE-IN and MOVE-OUT INFORMATION

SET-UP	Thursday, February 26	10 AM – 8 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trucks and vehicles with trailers are permitted to drive into the exhibit hall on a first-come, first-served basis. A thirty (30) minute limit will be imposed on all vehicles. Unload materials, remove vehicle, set-up booth. Forklift service available 10 AM – 4 PM on a first-come, first-served basis.
	Friday, February 27	8 AM – 2 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive-in access only down main aisle between drive-in doors. A thirty (30) minute limit will be imposed on all vehicles. Unload materials, remove vehicle, set-up booth. Forklift service available 8 AM – NOON on a first-come, first-served basis. No vehicles allowed in the building after 11 AM.
EXHIBIT HOURS	Friday	3 PM – 8 PM	Booth must be complete by 2 PM.
	Saturday	10 AM – 7 PM	Exhibitor access at 9 AM.
	Sunday	10 AM – 5 PM	Exhibitor access at 9 AM.
MOVE-OUT	Sunday, March 1	5 PM – 10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Early Breakdown – Booth Must Be Open Until 5 PM. Vehicles Permitted in the Hall at 6 PM. Trucks and vehicles with trailers are permitted to drive into the exhibit hall on a first-come, first-served basis. Forklift services are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All exhibits must be out by 10 PM.
	Monday, March 2	NA	<p>NO MOVE OUT ON MONDAY.</p> <p>Contact Rick Dobson for questions at rick@allshowservices.com or call 301-564-4050 x104</p> <p>THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.</p>

NO MINORS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW FLOOR DURING MOVE-IN or MOVE-OUT

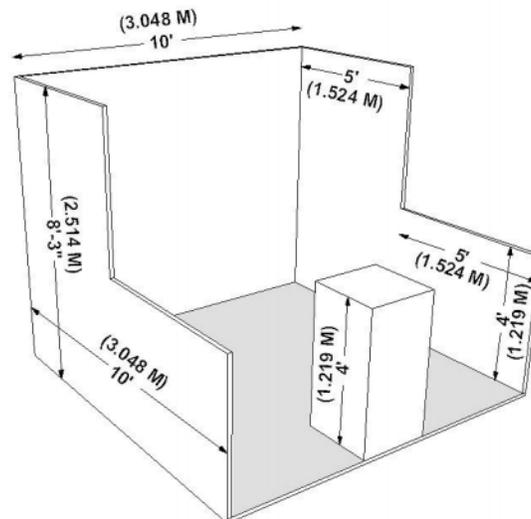
NO EARLY BREAKDOWN
YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL 5 PM ON SUNDAY

Early breakdown could result in loss of booth space in all future events.

RULES & REGULATIONS: BOOTH GUIDELINES & SET-UP

Standard 10x10 booths are defined with drapes over pipe frames; 8-foot-high back wall with 3-foot-high side walls. All linear booths have a booth identification sign that includes your Company Name and Booth number.

- All drape is black.
- Linear booths (10x10, 10x20, etc.) will have an eight (8) foot draped back wall. On each side, a 32" draped side rail will extend from the back of the booth to the front of the booth.
- Pipe and drape is not provided for 20x20 or larger island booths. It is provided for 20x20 and larger peninsula booths and will be 8' high and 10" across centered in the middle – sides backing up to 10x10 booths will drop to 3' for the remaining 5'. Build your backdrop appropriately.
- DO NOT pin, staple or tape to the drape – violations could result in fines.
- With a linear booth (10x10, 10x20, etc.) exhibitors are allowed to build their booth to the maximum height of 8 feet. This includes back walls. Sidewalls MUST drop to 4' in height once it extends beyond 5' from the back wall. If the height of your display exceeds 8 feet, or you have questions, please notify Gail Schell at gschell@allshowservices.com for approval.
- Solicitation/Sales Literature: **No sales solicitation or distribution of literature outside of your booth space.**
- **DISPLAYS:** Displays placed along the side drapes that are over 4 feet high should not extend more than 5 feet from the back wall. This will insure a clear line of sight of the neighboring booths.



- **DEMONSTRATIONS:** When sampling, demonstrating and/or entertaining attendees, booths must be arranged so that attendees coming into your exhibit do not block aisles or overlap into neighboring exhibits. If you expect many attendees to congregate in one area at one time, you must leave space within your own exhibit area to absorb the majority of the crowd.
- **AISLES:** The aisles are the property of show management; therefore, show management requires each exhibitor to assure proper flow of traffic through the entire exposition. When large crowds gather to watch a demonstration or entertainment and interfere with the flow of traffic down aisles, or create excessive crowds in neighboring booths, this is an infringement on the other exhibitors' rights. Aisles must not be obstructed at any time.
- **SOUND:** Police your own booth so the noise level from any demonstrations or sound system is kept to a minimum and does not interfere with others. Remember the use of sound systems or equipment producing sound is an exception to the rule, not a right. Show Management reserves the right to determine at what point sound constitutes interference with other exhibits and must be discontinued.
- **GADGETS AND GIMMICKS:** The use of photographers, musicians, entertainers, loud speakers, sound system equipment and noise making devices are restricted to within the booth. Balloons, horns and odors are not allowed. Show Management reserves the right to determine when such items become objectionable.

GARDEN AREAS:

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- You must place visqueen or a similar material on the floor before you place anything on the floor in your booth.
- Bring your own skid steer to move your pallets in and out of the hall.



FLOORING: NEW FOR 2026 – MANDATORY IN 2027

NEW! Beginning in 2027, all vendors will be required to have some type of floor covering in their booths. This not only enhances the overall look of the show, but booths with floor covering are also much more inviting to our attendees.

Although not required for this coming show, we are encouraging all vendors to consider floor covering for 2026.

Please note that all floor coverings must be properly secured so as not to create a tripping hazard. THE ONLY APPROVED TAPE FOR THE EXPO CENTER IS GAFFERS TAPE.



RULES & REGULATIONS: STAFFING & BOOTH BEHAVIOR

One of the most important responsibilities we as show organizers have is to ensure a level playing field for each and every exhibitor. **By contract, exhibitors are required to limit their sales activity to within the confines of their booths.** The desire to “work the aisles” is understandably attractive. However, such behavior is not only contractually prohibited, it’s counter-productive.

Attendees do not want to be accosted by salespeople. In fact, when they encounter that behavior, many will not even proceed down that aisle. Not only does the offending exhibitor miss out on potential business, but so does every exhibitor further down the aisle. We want attendees to feel welcome, not intimidated. Most are here to learn, to see, and to buy products and services.

Please be aware of the following rules governing booth behavior, as they will be strictly enforced:

1. No part of your display, including product & signage, may extend into the aisle.
2. Exhibits must be staffed during ALL show hours. Booth personnel may conduct business *only* within the confines of their purchased booth space. The intent of this rule is to simply eliminate the engagement of prospects in the aisles.
3. Keep the number of staff in the booth to a reasonable number at all times. Having more than three (3) staff per 10x10 is more likely to intimidate than entice.
4. Make sure your booth signage clearly defines what you are selling. If attendees like what they see, they will stop to look and, hopefully, enter into a conversation with you. If they don’t, no amount of “hawking” or “huckstering” is going to make any difference.
5. **Breaking down or moving out booths before the close of the show on Sunday is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors who do break down early will risk any future participation in any All Show Services events. Please notify your staff in charge of breakdown.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rick Dobson - rick@allshowservices.com or 301-564-4050 x104.



DETAILS & SHOW FACTS:

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SHOW DECORATOR:

- **Deadline is February 13, 2026**
- **General Exhibition Services** is the official Show Decorator. They offer significant discounts when ordering tables, chairs, carpet, etc. in advance. Deadline for advanced rates is **February 13, 2026**.
- To order go to: [GES ONLINE ORDER](#) - Use exhibit Code: **NJHOME26**
- Drape color on all booths is black.

ELECTRIC & WI-FI:

- **Deadline is February 13, 2026**
- All Electric must be ordered through the facility. The New Jersey Convention and Expo Center offers significant discounts when ordering electrical, wi-fi, etc. in advance. <https://marketplace.njexpocenter.com/>
- Questions about electric or Wi-Fi, call 732-417-1400 x 1201 or email services@njexpocenter.com.

WATER:

- **Deadline for advanced rates is February 13, 2026**
- If your display will require water, please visit the facility's web site to order – Water Order - <https://www.njexpocenter.com/event-planners/services/>

SIGNS & BANNERS:

- Signage must have the appearance of being professionally produced. **Signage height is limited to 8' for 10x10 booths, not to exceed 5' from the back of the booth. Booths 20'x20' or larger or perimeter booths do not have a height limit but may not block neighboring exhibits' sightlines. Island displays do not have a height limitation. NOTE: Feather flags are considered signage and above rules apply.** (Refer to Booth Guidelines & Set-up on page 9.) Any signage/displays found in violation will be removed and stored by Show Management. Exhibitor must pick up items no later than show move-out hours or items will be forfeited. Only island displays with four sides open may request permission to hang a banner or sign over their island space. If the location of the requested banner does not block aisle drops or other show signage and has the necessary ceiling support, permission may be granted by Show Management.

AUTOMOBILES IN BOOTHS:

- Companies having a vehicle in their booth must have prior approval from Show Management. All vehicles that are a part of the display must make sure there is ¼ tank of gas or less, disconnect the battery and turn in a key to the Show Office. The Edison Fire Marshal checks all vehicles prior to show opening. Vehicles must be placed in exhibitors' booth no later than **Thursday at 6 PM**.

DETAILS & SHOW FACTS continued...

TENTS

- **ANY TENT OR COVERED STRUCTURE MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY SHOW MANAGEMENT.** *If you plan to submit a request to have a tent the following rules are to be followed:*
 - No tents larger than 10'x10' are permitted per the Fire Marshal.
 - Material must be fire-retardant with a certificate sewn in by the manufacturer.
 - If you have a tent, and are using electricity, please make sure you have notified Show Management. You will need to have a fire extinguisher.
 - Please contact Rick Dobson, Exhibit Sales Manager – Rick@allshowservices.com or 301-564-4050 x104.

FOOD VENDOR REQUIREMENTS:

FOOD & BEVERAGE (Human Food) – SALES & SAMPLING GUIDELINES

- Companies selling or sampling consumables are allowed on a case-by-case basis. Companies selling consumables, anything that can be consumed while at the show, must be approved by Annie Daidone with Featured Catering. She can be reached at adaidone@featuredcatering.com or 201-815-0827. **Deadline is January 30, 2026.**
- Note: Food and beverage items that are consumed onsite are subject to a 35% commission on total sales to Featured Catering. Beverages such as bottled water and soda are not permitted to be sold.
- All food vendors including those sampling anything are required to have an Edison Health Department temporary food permit. Cost is \$75. Go to <https://edisonnj.rja.revize.com/forms/44> or <https://tinyurl.com/bdzk84xc> for your temporary food permit. **Deadline is January 30, 2026.** Application must be completed and fees must be paid.

ALCOHOL SAMPLING at the NEW JERSEY EXPOSITION AND CONVENTION CENTER

- You **MUST** contact the NJ ABC office to make sure you have the proper permit(s) to participate in an event held at the New Jersey Exposition and Conference Center.

Alcohol Sales & Distribution
ABC
Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control
<http://www.nj.gov/lps/formmail.htm>
609-984-2830

FREE & DISCOUNTED ADMISSION FOR YOUR CUSTOMERS: 20 FREE Tickets

- There is no question the New Jersey Home & Garden Show is an extremely cost-effective way to gain visibility for your products and services and attract new customers. Are the people you especially want to see going to be there? Don't leave that to chance. Complimentary Exhibitor Guest Tickets give you the ability to invite up to 20 of your top customers and prospects to attend at no cost to them (or to you!).
- We will email unique codes to you in January for 20 free tickets to the show. The process to get the tickets will be in the e-mail with the code.

Contact Kate Peterson at kpeterson@allshowservices.com for more details.



EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS:

- All exhibitors are required to wear badges starting **Friday at 1 PM** and during all show hours. Badges are to be picked up immediately upon entering the Expo Hall at the Exhibitor Registration Area located in the main entrance lobby.
- Badges are limited to a maximum of six (6) per 100 square feet of exhibit space.
- The maximum number of badges to be distributed to any one company is twenty (20).
- Badges are not mailed in advance.
- Badges are not personalized with individual names or company names.
- Once your company badge allotment has been distributed, there will be a fee of \$5 per additional badge. If a badge is lost, forgotten, misplaced, or left in your booth, your staff will be required to purchase a badge for \$5 to enter the show.
- You are encouraged to drop off your badge each night at the **Exhibitor Registration Desk** by the Exhibitor Entrance in the Lobby so that your company does not run out of your allotment.

IMPORTANT:

- Minors (Under 18 Years of Age) may not receive exhibitor badges
- **NO MINORS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW FLOOR DURING MOVE-IN or MOVE-OUT**
- Exhibitors are required to wear badges during all show hours.
- Exhibitors will not be permitted into the exhibit hall without a badge.
- No exceptions to these requirements.

YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THROUGH GLASS DOORS

AFTER FRIDAY AT 2 PM WITHOUT A BADGE or HAND STAMP.

ELECTRICITY DOs & DON'Ts

DO

- USE UL Listed Surge Protectors only. A surge protector is necessary and is the required proper equipment plugged into the building's electric outlet. Please have your equipment labeled.
- ANY Extension Cords used – Must be 14 gauge or higher, UL Listed and have (3) three prongs.
- We recommend purchasing a surge protector with a cord 10' or longer, so it can reach further into your booth.

DON'T

- DO NOT use a battery pack
- DO NOT use loose or frayed cords or any equipment that is outdated
- DO NOT use Residential Cords or cords with outlets on two opposite sides or that have only two prongs
- DO NOT tie extension cords together
- DO NOT piggyback or create a daisy chain of power strips, surge protectors, and extension cords.
- DO NOT plug in a power strip to a power strip or an extension cord to an extension cord. Only one extension cord may be plugged into a power strip, not multiple. Do not let surge protectors hang, instead install them on a flat surface (floor or back of display). Make sure cords are firmly attached.
- DO NOT use any adapters

TIPS FOR A GREAT SHOW

1. Send promo codes for free tickets via e-mail to your customers, prospects, friends and family. Watch your email in January for your 20 free tickets.
2. Promote your presence at the show in advance. Offer "SHOW ONLY" prices for your product or service.
3. Remember that you are going to be spending long hours on your feet so wear comfortable shoes.
4. Order electrical and carpet, tables, etc. early. You will save money. Check when you arrive to make sure that you have everything that you requested and bring copies of your order forms with you. See page 9.
5. Be in your booth early. Doors will open promptly at 3 PM on Friday and 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Vendors can enter the exhibit hall one hour prior to show opening time.
6. Never leave your exhibit unattended. There will *always* be someone at your booth wanting to buy the moment you walk away.
7. Make your booth inviting. Don't barricade yourself inside.
8. Do not allow your staff to be on their phones, read books or magazines (and don't do it yourself) in your booth. Customers hate to disturb someone happily engrossed in reading.
9. People are more likely to visit you in your booth if you are standing up and looking attentive. Smile and invite them into your booth. Customers don't want to interrupt you if you are all sitting around engrossed in a conversation.
10. Offer service, advice and a friendly face – people always return to places they feel welcome.
11. Have a drawing for a special item, or offer show specials to encourage buying at the Show.
12. Come to the show prepared and bring the following:
 - Hand truck or cart
 - A vacuum for cleaning your carpet at night
 - An extension cord. Your power source is not always where you need it.
 - An electrical power strip
 - Sheets for covering your merchandise at night

IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR DEADLINES

NO EARLY BREAKDOWN – YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL 5 PM ON SUNDAY

January 30, 2026

- **HOTEL** - Courtyard Edison Woodbridge block expires on January 25, 2025 – visit: [COURTYARD EDISON](#)

January 30, 2026

- **HEALTH PERMIT** – Complete and pay for a temporary Health Dept. Permit and get approval from the Convention Center to sample/sell food product - Annie Daidone with Featured Catering. She can be reached at adaidone@featuredcatering.com or 201-815-0827. Links for permits are on page 10.

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- **ADVANCED RATE ORDERS FOR TABLES/CHAIRS/CARPET**, etc. are due by February 14. Contact **General Exhibition Services** at info@generalexposition.com or 610-495-8866.
 - Order online: [GES SERVICE KIT](#)
 - Exhibit Code to pull up Home Show pricing is: **NJHOME26**

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- **WATER** -Request for water online: [NJ Convention Center Water](#)
- **INSURANCE** - Make sure you have the proper insurance on file with Show Management (see page 5)
- **ADVANCED RATE ODERS FOR ELECTRIC/Wi-Fi** - The **Convention Center** offers significant discounts when ordering electrical, wi-fi, etc. in advance. Contact Exhibitor Services at 732-417-1400 x 1201 or email services@njexpoctr.com. Order Online: [NJ Convention Center Marketplace](#)

February 25 or 26, 2026

- Advanced shipments arrive at facility – anything outside of these dates will be refused unless other arrangements have been made with General Exposition Services.
SHIP TO: New Jersey Convention Center
YOUR COMPANY NAME, BOOTH NUMBER and NJ HOME & GARDEN SHOW
97 Sunfield Avenue
Edison, NJ 08837

February 27, 2026

- Pick-up Exhibitors Badges **starting at 1 pm** (Inside Entry/Lobby)

February 27 – March 1, 2026 - SHOW DAYS

Immediately following the Show

- Be sure to register for **booth space by April 3, 2026** for the 2027 Home & Garden Show **to get the lowest rate.**