

# GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FAIR

## 2025 EXIT STRATEGY

- 1) All Outdoor and Food Commercial Exhibitors/Vendors must remain in place and not start breaking booths down until the close of fair at 11:00pm Saturday night. Indoor Commercial Vendors may close their booths at the set time of 10:00pm on Saturday night and may walk or cart items to the Pavilion parking lot after closing. Even though the booth breakdown process may start at 10:00pm for indoor vendors and 11:00pm for outdoor vendors, all commercial exhibitors/vendors that plan to exit on Saturday night may not enter the grounds with vehicles until 11:20pm. WE ALSO ASK THAT THEY DO NOT BEGIN LINING UP IN THE PARKING LOTS EARLY. This will allow fair goers to exit the lots, prior to ANY Exhibitor/Vendor traffic movement. We must ensure pedestrian safety and that the parking lots do not get clogged up, while fairgoers are trying to exit upon the close of fair. **Commercial Exhibitors and Vendors may wait until Sunday morning, starting at 8:30am to haul out, if they prefer.**
- 2) The Dahlia Group will be allowed to walk items out of the Dog Barn Saturday evening, after the end of their show. Or they may haul out beginning at 9:00am, on Sunday. *(Note: Dahlias will not be at the 2025 Fair)*
- 3) Vintage Equipment will haul out on Sunday between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm. However, certain types of smaller equipment may be taken out through the Playground gate (only), at 11:20pm on Saturday night. If this option is utilized, please use extreme caution as fairgoers may still be exiting near that gate after the close of fair.
- 4) Livestock/Animal exit days and times are as follows.
  - a. Dogs – Thursday at 5:00pm (through Raceway parking gate behind 4H Barn)
  - b. Cats – Saturday at 9:00pm (through Pavilion exit)
  - c. Dairy – Sunday
  - d. Steers – Sunday
  - e. Sheep/Lambs – Sunday
  - f. Equine – Sunday
  - g. Goats – Sunday
  - h. Animals of the World – Sunday
  - i. Rabbits – Recommended to haul out on Sunday, but may carry out on Saturday night after fair, through gate, if need be.
  - j. Poultry – No poultry at this year’s fair. Displays may be removed Saturday night or on Sunday
  - k. Swine – Monday
- 5) All Still Life Exhibits will haul out on Sunday, between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm.

**TRAFFIC FLOW: TRAFFIC FLOW FOR HAUL-OUT ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IS ONE-WAY ONLY! HAUL-OUT VEHICLES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS MUST ENTER AT THE PAVILION GATE, OR THE PIT-ROAD HORSE BARN GATE, ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THEN EXIT OUT THE BLUE (FRONT) GATES FROM EACH SIDE OF THE BARN, THE SERVICE GATE ON FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, OR THE WSU GATE.**

**Please do not block roadways when loading. Park vehicles as far off to the side of the roadways as possible, without causing damage to the grounds. Please also be cautious of all electrical, water and lighting fixtures.**

*\*A metered flow approach has been used when planning this exit strategy, in order reduce congestion and eliminate the possibility of gridlock. Please use extreme caution and be courteous to others during exit. We understand that everyone is going to be tired after a long (but fun) week at the fair and ask that you try to remember that the more cooperative we all are, the quicker we will all get home. One of the strongest traits of a community leader and good citizen is that they are the “first to serve and last to be served”. If we all remember this philosophy during the exit process, it will run much smoother and be more enjoyable for all. Thank you.*