



### Recipes

#### Basic Gingerbread

10 cups flour                    1 lb. butter  
 3 cups sugar                    1 tbl. Baking Soda  
 1 1/2 cups water                2 tbl. Dark corn syrup  
 2 tbl. each ground ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and cardamom

**Note: if you do not plan to eat the house substitute cinnamon and ginger for cloves and cardamom**

Measure flour into a mixing bowl and set aside. Combine butter and sugar in another bowl and set aside. In a saucepan combine water with the remaining ingredients, bring to a boil and pour over the butter and sugar. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Add flour one cup at a time blending well. Cover and refrigerate for several hours. Let dough come to room temperature and then roll onto lightly floured surface. Bake cut outs at 350 for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned.

#### Royal Icing

Royal icing can be used like "glue to hold your house together." Since it does not contain butter or oil it dries to a hard candy like consistency.

3 Large egg whites at room temperature,  
 3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar  
 1 lb. 10X confectioners sugar.

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl, mix on high for 7 to 10 minutes until stiff peaks form. You cannot overbeat. Store at room temperature, tightly covered and use as soon as possible.

Make a model of your home from cardboard first.



**James J. Tedesco**  
*County Executive*



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# Christmas Corner

at the  
 James A. McFaul  
 Environmental  
 Center

# Gingerbread Creation Contest

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# Gingerbread Creation

Mail to:  
Gingerbread Creation Contest  
James A. McFaul  
Environmental Center  
150 Crescent Ave.  
Wyckoff, NJ, 07481

Registration along with  
a \$3.00 is required

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE AGE  
CATEGORY ONLY

Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades 3rd—6th: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grades 7th—10th: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade 11th—Adult: \_\_\_\_\_  
Formal Groups: \_\_\_\_\_

*Join the staff at the  
Environmental Center and  
enter our  
Gingerbread Creations  
Contest. Build a  
gingerbread house or make  
something different (think outside  
the box...um...or house.) All  
entries will be judged by  
“People’s Choice.”  
Ribbons and Certificates  
will be awarded to every entry.  
1st place winning Group will be  
awarded a free program All  
other group participants will be  
awarded certificates.*

If you have any questions, please  
call (201)891-5571 or email us at:  
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## Age Categories

Family

Grades 3rd—6th

Grades 7th—10th

Grade 11th—Adult

Formal Groups (Seniors, Scouts, etc.)

Any troop scout must be registered with the  
Boy or Girl Scouts of America

## General Rules and Information

1. One entry per reservation form.
2. Except for the base the entry must be edible. Foil wrapped candies are acceptable.
3. Registration, along with a \$3.00 registration fee, is required . Please make checks payable to the Bergen County Department of Parks.
4. Entries must be dropped off at the Environmental Center by December 7th to participate in judging. Entries will be judged by “Peoples Choice” and the winners will be notified after January 7th. The general public will be allowed to vote during the length of the exhibit. People will be allowed to vote for their favorite creation from December 7th to January 5th.
5. Bergen County Parks Department cannot be responsible for damage done to entries.
6. Entries must be picked up starting on January 12, 2019.
7. Any entries not picked up by January 20, 2019 will be removed.

