



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Know Before You Go: Updated Bag Policy**

**Knoxville, Tenn.** (September 7, 2017) – The Tennessee Valley Fair is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization that exists to celebrate East Tennessee heritage and promote regional agriculture.

For the safety and security of our fairgoers, the Tennessee Valley Fair is updating our bag policy, effective September 8-17, 2017. Fairgoers should note that:

- All bags will be checked by security upon entry, regardless of shape, size or necessity.
- All attendees are subject to screening via metal detectors. Screenings will be conducted by Tennessee Valley Fair Security Officials upon entry. (This change is a state requirement per Tennessee Public Chapter 467, which took effect July 1, 2017.)

### **Approved Items:**

- Permitted bags include:
  - Clear bags of any size/shape
  - Small clutches/purses, no larger than 4.5 inches by 6 inches
  - Diaper bags when accompanied by a minor child
  - Medically necessary bags

**All approved bags are subject to search and will be tagged to indicate they have been approved by KPD.**

### **Prohibited Items:**

- Backpacks
- Printed pattern plastic bag
- Cross-body bag
- Fanny pack
- Purses
- Coolers
- Reusable grocery totes
- Mesh bags / Cinch bags
- Duffel bags
- Large tote bags
- Beverage containers
- Camera cases
- Brief cases
- Any bags deemed unsafe by the Knoxville Police Department



If you have questions about this new policy, please contact the fair office at: 865-215-1471 or [fair@tnvalleyfair.org](mailto:fair@tnvalleyfair.org)

We appreciate your cooperation.  
- Tennessee Valley Fair Staff

**About the Tennessee Valley Fair**

The Tennessee Valley Fair is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and one of the state's largest multi-day events attracting 150,000 attendees each year. Known for its innovative exhibits, livestock shows, concert series, action sports, exciting rides and variety of unique foods, the Tennessee Valley Fair offers great entertainment for the entire family. The Tennessee Valley Fair is proud to present nightly fireworks sponsored by the Tennessee Education Lottery. For more information, please visit [www.tnvalleyfair.org](http://www.tnvalleyfair.org) or call (865) 215-1471.

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