

## Booth details

To improve the overall appearance of the show, IHA requires that all in-line and peninsula exhibitors provide a finished backwall or acceptable backdrop 8' (minimum) in height and extending the entire length of the booth space. Exhibitors with backwalls less than 8' high may be required to provide acceptable cosmetic masking extending the entire length of the backwall up to the 8' minimum height at their own expense. Sidewalls are allowed, but not required. Sidewalls may go to the height and length set for their configuration - there is no minimum height or length. However, it will be the exhibitor's responsibility to have the backside of the sidewalls flush and finished. To assist the attendees in identifying booths, IHA requires exhibitors to indicate their company name and booth number on signage incorporated into the booth structure. Note: No portion of an exhibit structure or floor covering may extend beyond the assigned floor space.

## Utility services and access

If an exhibitor requires utility services, the utility port must be available in the booth space assigned. For safety, utility services will not be accessed from the aisle.

For in-line or peninsula booths, utility services will be supplied at the back of the booth whenever possible. Exhibitors should allow a 1' unobstructed corridor in the back and 6" on one side of their space to allow passage for necessary cable and maintenance personnel. If a utility corridor is not provided, the booth structure may need to be repositioned. Charges or costs incurred will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Note: All Exhibitor Appointed Contractors (and Third Party Vendors) will be required to maintain their equipment within the confines of their client's space.

## Exhibit hall carpet

The exhibit area is NOT carpeted. Exhibitors are required to provide an acceptable floor covering in their booth space. However, IHA will carpet the aisles in the following colors:

### **Dine & Decor Expo** - South Building, Level 3

- Cook & Bakeware: Gray
- Tabletop, Kitchen Essentials & Accents: Tuxedo

### **Travel Gear + Luggage:** South Building, Level 3: Black

### **Clean & Contain Expo** - North Building, Level 3 (Hall B1)

- Cleaning, Home Organization & Bath Accessories: Black

### **International Sourcing Expo** - North Building, Level 3 (Hall B1)

- International Pavilion: Gray

### **Wired & Well Expo** - North Building, Level 3 (Hall B1)

- Electrics & Home Healthcare: Tuxedo

## Show schedule

### Discount price deadline

To take advantage of advance order discount rates, place orders on FreemanOnline by Friday, February 6, 2026.

### Exhibitor move-in

Tuesday, March 03, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Wednesday, March 04, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Thursday, March 05, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Friday, March 06, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Saturday, March 07, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Sunday, March 08, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Monday, March 09, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls

Booth structures must be fully installed and all empties removed by 5:00 PM on Monday, March 09, 2026. Exhibitors may work later than 5:00 PM on Monday, March 09, 2026 if necessary.

### Exhibit hall hours

Tuesday, March 10, 2026	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Power Hour 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Power Hour 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 12, 2026	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	

### Exhibitor move-out

Thursday, March 12, 2026	4:30 PM - 10:00 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Friday, March 13, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Saturday, March 14, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls
Sunday, March 15, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Dark Day
Monday, March 16, 2026	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	All Exhibit Halls

Freeman will begin returning empty containers as soon as the aisle carpeting is removed or plastic covering has been laid in the aisles of the exhibit hall.

North Building (Hall B) & South Building (Hall A) exhibitor freight carriers must be checked into the marshalling yard by Monday, March 16, 2026 by 12:00 PM.

## Shipping and material handling

### Warehouse shipping address:

Exhibiting Company Name / Booth Number  
The Inspired Home Show 2026  
C/O Freeman  
2500 W 35th St  
Chicago, IL 60632  
USA

### Warehouse shipping information

- Freeman Warehouse will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Ship early to avoid delays and save money.
- Freeman will accept crated, boxed or skidded material beginning Monday, January 26, 2026 at the warehouse shipping address.
- Material arriving after Friday, February 20, 2026 will be received at the warehouse with an additional after deadline charge.
- Please note that the Freeman Warehouse does not accept uncrated freight (loose, pad-wrapped material and/or un-skidded machinery), cash on delivery (COD) shipments, hazardous materials, freight requiring refrigerated or frozen storage, a single piece of freight weighing more than 5,000 pounds or a single piece of freight beyond the dimensions of 108"H x 93"W x 144" L.
- Warehouse materials are accepted at the warehouse Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM.
- Certified weight tickets must accompany all shipments.
- If required, provide your carrier with this phone number: (888) 508-5054.  
subject to change.

## Show site shipping address:

Exhibiting Company Name / Booth Number  
The Inspired Home Show 2026  
McCormick Place  
C/O Freeman  
2301 S Lake Shore Dr  
Chicago, IL 606161  
USA

## Show site shipping information

- Freeman will receive shipments at the exhibit facility beginning Tuesday, March 03, 2026.
- Shipments arriving before this date may be refused by the facility.
- Any charges incurred for early freight accepted by the facility will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- Certified weight tickets must accompany all shipments.
- Ensure your driver has the following information to expedite unloading and delivery to your booth: Show Name, Exhibitor Name, Booth #.
- If required, provide your carrier with this phone number: (888) 508-5054.

For important Marshalling Yard information, [click here](#) and review the marshalling yard section of the "Where & when do I ship my materials?"

## Service contractor contact information

### Freeman

We want you to have a successful show. If we can be of assistance, please contact [Exhibitor Support](#). If you need to book or quote shipping services, please contact [Freeman Transportation@](#).

## Exhibitor frequently asked questions

For more information and helpful hints on products and services, ordering and invoicing, shipping your freight, and other top questions, please visit [FreemanOnline's FAQ page](#).

## Exhibitor service hours

Our Exhibitor Services team will be available from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM from the first day of Exhibitor Move-in to the last day of Exhibitor Move-out. Hours may be extended the day before show open and the day of show close to assist with additional exhibitor needs.

## Pre-show checklist

### Labor information

- Carefully read the Union Rules and Regulations to determine your labor needs.
- Refer to your ordering site under Display Labor for Straight time and Overtime hours.

### Show paperwork and labels

- Complete the [Outbound Shipping](#) paperwork online and Freeman will gladly prepare your outbound Material Handling Agreement and labels in advance.
- Ensure your carrier knows the company name and booth number when making arrangements for shipping your exhibit at the close of the show.

## During show checklist

### On-site information

- Please arrive with enough time to set up your booth.
- Exhibitors supervising Freeman labor will need to pick up and release their labor at the Labor Desk.

## Move-out checklist

## **Dismantle and move-out information**

- **South Building (Hall A) & North Building (Hall B) Exhibitors**

All materials must be packed, Material Handling Agreement (MHA) turned into the Exhibitor Services Center and Freight removed by 4:30 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026. All carriers must be checked into the Marshalling Yard by 12:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026. Shipments will start being rerouted by 12:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026.

- Excessive trash and booth abandonment
- Note that any excessive trash which consists of display materials, carpet, padding, crates and/or pallets will be disposed of and charged both a handling fee and disposal fee during exhibitor move-out.
- Clear out booth. Any excessive materials left in the booth at the end of the event will be considered trash.