

# The Complete Guide to Popcorn Machine Hire

Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg

## About this guide

Planning tips, pack sizes, spice options, setup advice and answers to the most common popcorn hire questions for Johannesburg events.

## Areas we serve

Johannesburg | Sandton | Randburg | Fourways | Midrand | Roodepoort |  
Bryanston | Rosebank | Northcliff | Bedfordview

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Delivered, set up and collected for you. No cleaning required.

## Welcome

There is nothing quite like the smell of fresh popcorn at a party! Hire a popcorn machine from Panda Party Hire and watch everyone's face light up. Golden pops, buttery goodness in the air, and guests wandering over for just one more bag. We deliver across Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg and all the areas nearby.

Got a birthday in the garden? A big school party? A wedding with little ones running about? Popcorn machine hire gives you that lovely cinema feeling without you having to buy and store a great big machine in the garage.

We deliver, set up and collect. You do not need to scrub a thing when the party is done. Our machines are cared for properly, checked between every hire, and arrive with everything you need in your package.

When we get there we switch it on with you and test it together so you can see it all working beautifully. We show you how to use it, nice and quick, and our team is always happy to help with any questions. But honestly? If you can press a button, you can run this. It really is that simple.

We know how much work goes into your party so we always aim to be on time. Pick a package below that fits your crowd, or pop us a message for a quote. We cannot wait to bring the pops to you!

## Hire packages

Choose the package that fits your guest numbers. All packages include delivery guidance, on-site test and tutorial, and collection when your hire ends.

### Popcorn Starter (50 servings) - R 850

**Includes:**

- Commercial popcorn machine
- 2kg popping corn & 500ml oil
- 50 brown serving bags
- 2 seasoning shakers - choose flavours when you book
- Full-day hire

**Optional extras:**

- Popcorn boxes instead of bags - price on request
- Extra seasoning shaker - R 80
- Additional hire day - R 600

### Popcorn Party (100 servings) - R 1 000

**Includes:**

- Commercial popcorn machine
- 4kg popping corn & 1L oil
- 100 brown serving bags
- 3 seasoning shakers - choose flavours when you book

Full-day hire

**Optional extras:**

Popcorn boxes instead of bags - price on request

Extra seasoning shaker - R 80

Additional hire day - R 600

**Popcorn Big Bash (150 servings) - R 1 150**

**Includes:**

Commercial popcorn machine

6kg popping corn & 1.5L oil

150 brown serving bags

3 seasoning shakers - choose flavours when you book

Full-day hire

**Optional extras:**

Popcorn boxes instead of bags - price on request

Extra seasoning shaker - R 80

Additional hire day - R 600

## Seasoning flavours

Choose your shaker flavours when you book. Every pack includes seasoning with extras available.

Lightly salted

Salt and vinegar

Fruit chutney

Butter

Cream cheese and chives

Cheese

Caramel

Sweet

## Hire extras

### Delivery and collection

We deliver and collect across Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg. Ask us for a delivery quote when you book.

### Extra bags

50 extra brown bags for R 100. Perfect when guest numbers grow.

### Extra seasoning shaker

Additional shaker for R 80. Mix and match flavours for your crowd.

## How to prepare for the day

A little planning before we arrive means fresh popcorn all day and zero stress when guests walk in.

### Stable serving spot

Place the machine on a flat, sturdy surface near a power point. Leave room in front for guests and bags.

### Shelter if outdoors

A patio, gazebo or marquee works beautifully. The kettle gets hot, so keep it out of rain and direct wind.

### Clear access for delivery

Make sure we can reach your setup spot with the machine. A step-free path from the driveway helps.

### Pick your seasonings early

Decide your shaker flavours before the day so we can stock your pack and you can start popping straight away.

### Supervise little ones

The machine is easy to use but the kettle is hot. Keep young children supervised while it is running.

### Serving table nearby

A small table for extra bags, seasonings and serviettes keeps your popcorn station neat and guest friendly.

## Why hire Popcorn Machine?

### Crowd favourite

Fresh popcorn smell draws guests in and keeps them coming back for more.

### Easy to run

Cinema-style machines are simple to operate - we talk you through everything on delivery.

### Fully stocked packs

Servings, bags and spices included so you can start popping straight away.

### Perfect add-on

Pairs brilliantly with slush, candy floss and outdoor cinema hire.

## Popular events

Kids birthday parties, School parties, Corporate family days, Sports club events, Wedding receptions, Market stalls, Movie nights, Community festivals.

## Delivery areas

We hire across Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg and surrounding Gauteng suburbs. Delivery and collection fees depend on your venue address. Tell us your location when you request a quote.

Johannesburg  
Sandton  
Randburg  
Fourways  
Midrand  
Roodepoort  
Bryanston  
Rosebank  
Northcliff  
Bedfordview

## How booking works

1. Request a quote with your date, venue address and guest numbers.
2. Choose the hire package that suits your event, with extras if needed.
3. Confirm your date and receive booking details before delivery day.
4. We deliver, set up and test the equipment with you on site.
5. Enjoy your event while guests make the most of the hire.
6. We collect afterwards. No deep cleaning required from you.

## Safety information

Popcorn machines use high heat and electricity. Following these safety rules keeps your guests safe, protects the equipment and helps you serve fresh popcorn all day without incident.

### Essential safety rules

Keep children away from the hot kettle, glass panel and moving parts while the machine is running.

Place the machine on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface near a suitable power point.

Do not leave the machine unattended while heating or popping.

Allow the kettle to cool fully before packing down for collection.

Follow the quick start guide and tutorial given on delivery.

### Hot surfaces and burns

The kettle and surrounding metal become very hot during operation. Only adults should operate the machine. Keep a clear zone in front of the machine so guests do not lean against it while waiting for popcorn.

Use the serving scoop provided and keep hands away from the kettle opening.

Warn children that the machine is hot before you start popping.

If anyone touches a hot surface, cool the skin under running water and seek medical advice if needed.

### **Electrical safety**

Use one dedicated power point where possible. Avoid overloading extension leads with other appliances.

Keep plugs and cables off wet ground. Do not operate in rain or when water can splash onto the machine.

If you smell burning or hear unusual noises, switch off immediately and contact us.

Do not open the machine casing or attempt repairs yourself.

### **Supervision and children**

An adult must supervise the popcorn station at all times while the machine is on.

Children may help with bags and seasonings under close adult guidance, but should not operate the machine.

## **Weather policy and instructions**

Popcorn machines use heat and electricity. A dry, sheltered spot keeps guests safe, protects the kettle and motor, and helps you serve consistent fresh popcorn all day.

### **Ideal conditions**

Indoor halls, covered patios and marquees with sides are best. For garden parties, place the machine on a stable table under a gazebo or stretch tent, away from sprinklers and lawn irrigation.

- Dry weather with light breeze only

- Flat, level surface near a suitable power point

- Shelter overhead so rain cannot reach the machine or power cables

- Enough space for a queue without crowding the hot kettle

### **Rain, storms and wet ground**

Do not run the popcorn machine in rain or when water can splash onto it. Moisture and electricity are a serious hazard, and wet kernels pop poorly.

- If rain is forecast, move the hire under cover before the shower starts

- Switch off and allow the kettle to cool before relocating

- Contact us as soon as conditions change - we can advise on shelter or rescheduling

- Afternoon thunderstorms are common in Johannesburg - plan a backup indoor or tented area

### **Wind, heat and sun**

Strong wind blows popcorn, bags and serving trays around and can tip lightweight setups. High summer heat is fine for popping, but direct sun on the glass kettle makes the machine harder to work with.

- Use a windbreak or position the machine with its back to the prevailing wind

- Keep the serving area shaded where possible

Pause service if gusts make hot oil or popcorn unsafe around children

### **If the weather turns on the day**

Call or message us using the contact details on your booking confirmation. We will help you move under cover, pause service safely, or discuss a fair reschedule if outdoor use is no longer possible.

Contact us as early as possible when weather may affect your hire. Your booking confirmation includes phone and message details for the day. We prioritise safe use of equipment and fair solutions for Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg events.

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **Q: How does popcorn machine hire work?**

Pick a package that suits your crowd: Popcorn Starter, Popcorn Party or Popcorn Big Bash. Book online or contact us with your date and venue. We deliver, set up and test the machine with you, then collect everything when your hire ends.

### **Q: What is included in a popcorn hire package?**

Every package includes the commercial popcorn machine, popping corn, oil, brown serving bags, seasoning shakers and full day hire. Popcorn Starter is from R 850, Popcorn Party from R 1 000 and Popcorn Big Bash from R 1 150 per day.

### **Q: Which seasoning flavours can I choose?**

We offer lightly salted, salt and vinegar, fruit chutney, butter, cream cheese and chives, and more depending on your pack. Tell us your favourites when you book. Extra shakers are R 80 each.

### **Q: Is the popcorn machine easy to use?**

Yes! We test it on site with you and give a quick tutorial on delivery. If you can press a button, you can pop popcorn. Our team is always happy to answer questions on the day.

### **Q: Do I need to clean the machine afterwards?**

No. We deliver, set up and collect. You do not need to scrub or pack down the machine when the party is over.

### **Q: Can I use paper boxes instead of bags?**

Yes. Brown bags are standard in every pack. Popcorn boxes are available on request. Ask when you book and we will quote accordingly.

### **Q: Does the machine need electricity?**

Yes. A standard household power point nearby is ideal. Tell us about your setup when you book and we will confirm on delivery.

### **Q: Can I hire a popcorn machine for outdoors?**

Yes, for sheltered outdoor spots like a patio, gazebo or marquee. Keep the machine dry and stable. See our weather section on this page for rain and wind tips.

### **Q: What if I need more than 150 servings?**

Contact us for a custom quote. We can add extra corn, bags, seasoning and additional hire days for school parties, markets and bigger events.

**Q: Which areas do you deliver to?**

We hire popcorn machines across Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg and surrounding areas. Delivery and collection are quoted based on your venue.

**Q: How far in advance should I book?**

Weekends and school holidays fill up quickly. Book as early as you can. Last minute enquiries are welcome and we will always try to help.

**Q: How do I book?**

Choose your package above and hit Book now, or get a quote with your date, venue and guest numbers.

## **Equipment care on the day**

We deliver clean, tested equipment and show you how to use it safely.  
You do not need to deep clean or service the machine during hire.  
Contact us on the day if anything does not work as expected.  
Keep equipment in the agreed setup area ready for collection.  
Switch off and secure equipment if weather makes use unsafe.

## **Often booked together**

Customers often pair popcorn machine hire with: Candy Floss Machine, Slush Machine, Bubble Machine. Ask us about combo bookings when you quote.

# Ready to book?

We deliver, set up, test with you and collect afterwards.

## **Get a quote**

Visit [pandapartyhire.co.za](http://pandapartyhire.co.za) and use our online quote form, or contact us directly with your date, venue address and guest numbers.

## **Contact details**

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WhatsApp: available on our contact page

## **What to tell us when you book**

Event date and preferred delivery time

Venue address and access notes (gates, stairs, parking)

Package choice and any extras you need

Expected guest numbers and whether the event is indoors or outdoors

Power point locations if you know them

## **On delivery day**

Our team arrives with clean, tested equipment. We set up, run an on-site test and give you a quick tutorial. You enjoy your event. We collect when your hire ends. You do not need to deep clean the machine or equipment.