



Town of Smithfield
HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST
RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

The 5th Annual Home for the Holidays House Decorating Contest will be held this season with the following dates:

Entry Application Period: 11/24/24 - 12/15/24 at 4:30 PM

Judging Period: 12/18/24 – 12/21/24

Winners Announced: 12/23/24

Please read these rules and instructions and if you have any questions contact the Recreation Department at (401) 349-0612. Entry applications are available on the Town of Smithfield's website (smithfieldri.gov).

1. Participation is open to all residents within the boundaries of the Town of Smithfield.
2. Entry is free. No cost or fees apply.
3. A town resident may nominate another town resident, but must have the resident's permission. The person who did the decorating is eligible for the prizes.
4. Entry applications must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Applications must be submitted via the online form located on the Town of Smithfield's website (smithfieldri.gov).
5. Participants agree to have their address and photos posted on the Town of Smithfield's website, social media, and local media.
6. The contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from outside the residence only.
7. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore, only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards.
8. Judging criteria will include (a) Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations; (b) Storyline or theme; (c) Display and placement of decorations, animated objects, etc.; and (d) Overall presentation.
9. Judging will be done from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM from Wednesday, December 18, 2024 to Saturday, December 21, 2024.
10. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated during the judging period.
11. Winners will be announced and notified on Monday, December 23rd. All participants and winners will also be recognized at the first Town Council meeting in January.
12. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third-place winners which will include cash, gift cards and more!
13. The first-place winner will also receive a sign for their lawn recognizing their award.
14. First place winners cannot enter for a period of five (5) years.
15. **Be creative, be festive and have fun!**