



Town of Smithfield

HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

The Annual Home for the Holidays House Decorating Contest will be held again this season. This year will include the addition of a Door/Doorway Decorating Contest.

Entry Application Period: 11/24/25 - 12/15/25 by 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 door decorations only that are visible from the street. Judging will be done from outside the residence only.
7. Judging is based on "curb appeal" as viewed from street only. Therefore, only doors located on street side of property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter property to view back or side doors.
8. Judging criteria will include (a) Unique design and creative use of materials b) Storyline or theme; (c) Display and placement 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 any lights and/or 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 also will 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! There will also be 5 runners-up who will receive prizes.
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!**