



Home Décor Contest

Judging Guidelines

2025

Date: December 4

All homes that are lit by 6 pm will be judged. There is no need to enter this contest.

Central Business District: All downtown merchants and businesses. This portion of the contest will be judged (weather permitting) on foot.

Wards 1-6: Please see attached maps for more ward information. This portion of the contest will be judged by out of town experts from the curbside of your home.

Judging is based on the following categories:

1. Creativity and Originality
 - a. unique design
 - b. theme consistency (2025 theme-Christmas INN Our Town)
2. Overall Appearance
 - a. visual impact
 - b. arrangement and placement
 - c. color coordination
 - d. overall attractiveness
3. Lights and Decorations
 - a. quality and condition
 - b. placement and distribution
 - c. creative use of lights
4. Effort and Workmanship
 - a. construction quality
 - b. level of detail
 - c. overall effort

Suggestions for Tradition Home Décor:

- Your front door will be the first thing that judges look at and can be the main focus of your decorations.
- Spotlights can be used for extra visibility but should be covered so as not to distract from decorations. This applies to drop cords, plug ins and other hardware used.
- All other windows, door, or yard décor will add to the overall appearance of your home and will be considered in the judging of your home.
- Your home will not be judged based on size. The judges will look at whether your house size and the amount of decorations used correlate.

Suggestions for Sugar Plum Award:

- Kid (and adult) friendly decorations will be considered in the judging.
- Whimsical, Magical and Fanciful are the words that come to mind when we judge for this award.