



## **Miami Township Holiday Home Decorating Contest Rules and Guidelines**

1. Decorations can include lights, craft items, characters, posters: Anything that is safely secured and displayed on your property. Each house will be judged based on its entire presentation.
2. Decorations must be representative of family values, meaning age appropriate for all children and adults to view. It is up to the judges' discretion to determine whether a presentation is inappropriate.
3. Decorations must comply with Miami Township housing rules and codes.
4. Presentations will be judged by township staff. ***Judges will visit all homes between 5:30 p.m. and approximately 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023.*** Decorations must be on full display during that time to be judged.
5. Employees of Miami Township, their relatives and contest judges are not eligible to participate and do not qualify for the contest or any contest prizes. They are still encouraged to decorate for recreational purposes only.
6. The winning home will be determined based on a majority vote of the judging panel, at the panel's discretion.
7. If you wish to participate, ***Miami Township must be in receipt of your entry form by Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.*** You can enter by downloading the entry form located on our website, [www.miamitownship.com](http://www.miamitownship.com), and emailing it to [contact@miamitownship.com](mailto:contact@miamitownship.com); fill out a form or drop it off at the Miami Township Government Center, 2700 Lyons Road. Office hours are M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; mail it to Miami Township Holiday Contest, 2700 Lyons Road, Miamisburg, OH, 45342; or call in your information to (937) 433-9969. ***Please remember to include your name, address, email and telephone number.***
8. Every household in Miami Township is encouraged to decorate for the holidays regardless of whether you enter the contest.

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9. ***The winner will be announced Monday, December 11, 2023, via Facebook live at 10 a.m.*** Winner will be recognized with a special proclamation from the Board of Trustees. The winner also receives recognition in our newsletters and on our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram), as well as a \$50 gift card courtesy of Home Depot.
10. The prize will be delivered to the winner's home with their permission, or they may pick it up at the Government Center, 2700 Lyons Rd. They will also be recognized at a Board of Trustees meeting.
11. Homes will be judged solely based on their displays. Any other criteria such as age, race, gender, personality or any other criteria deemed inappropriate will ***not*** be considered by the judges.

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