



# Village of Covington



## Holiday Home Decorating Contest

### RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

The annual Covington Holiday Home Decorating Contest will be held this season with the following dates:

**Entry Application Deadline:** December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**Judging Period:** December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Winners Announced:** Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Village Council Meeting

Please read these rules and instructions. If you have any questions, contact Village Hall at 937-473-3420. Entry applications are available at Village Hall, or on-line at [www.covington-oh.gov](http://www.covington-oh.gov) or lastly, from any village retailer.

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1. Participation is open to all residents within the Village of Covington.
  2. Entry is free; no cost or fees apply.
  3. Employees of the Village of Covington as well as Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are not eligible to participate.
  4. Entry Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
  5. 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.
  6. Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the Village Website and/or published in the Village's newsletter and/or local newspaper.
  7. Judging criteria will include (1) Creativity, (2) Lights & Decorations, (3) Special Effects, and (4) Overall Appearance.
  8. Judging will take place from dusk until 9:00 pm on the evenings of December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated during the judging times.
  9. An *Entry Number Card* will be placed by the Village in the yard of each participant in a conspicuous place where it can be seen by the judges from the street.
  10. Five prizes will be awarded: one 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize of \$250; one 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize of \$200; one 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize of \$150; one 4<sup>th</sup> Place Prize of \$100; and one 5<sup>th</sup> Place Prize of \$50. All winners will have a yard sign placed in their yard.
  11. Winners will be announced at the Village Council Meeting on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be notified in advance and asked to be present at the meeting (not required) to receive their award.
  12. Participants are requested to keep their house decorated through January 1<sup>st</sup> so that the community may view and enjoy the decorations.
  13. Judges decisions are final.