

City of Palos Heights

HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING CONTEST GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been established for the health and safety of visitors and wildlife. Please adhere to all restrictions and share these with your group.

Trees will be in place at Community Park, across from City Hall at 7607 W. College Drive by **Wednesday, November 23 at 4pm** for decorating on a first come – first pick basis. Trees **MUST** be decorated by Thursday, December 1 at noon.

- ▶ There is NO electricity for lights
- ▶ Materials recommended for homemade ornaments:
 - Decorated Popsicle sticks
 - Styrofoam balls
 - Strung Beads
 - Wooden ornaments
 - Plastic
 - Clothespins
 - Fabrics, yarns, ribbon
 - Foil
- ▶ Materials NOT ALLOWED on trees:
 - Food Items (popcorn, cereal, cranberries, peanuts, pasta, marshmallows, etc.)
 - Candy
 - Birdseed
 - Suet w/ birdseed
 - Dog Biscuits
 - Pines Cones dipped in peanut butter
 - Pet Food
 - Ornaments made from dough
 - Objects with jagged/sharp edges
 - Tinsel
 - Glass

Please Note: The ornaments need to withstand the elements of winter. Ornaments should be painted, varnished, shellacked or laminated. Water-soluble glue (Elmer's) is not recommended.

Please do not hang ornaments that are valuable or hold special meaning. The City is not responsible for ornaments that are missing or stolen.

Please hang ornaments with string or yarn (no wires or pipe cleaners), and tie on tight and secure so they will not blow off in strong winds.

Signage: **Please provide a staked sign to place in front of your tree with your group/organization name in large letters. Sign should be no larger than 18"x24". Group's name should be exactly the same as submitted on the application.**

Decorations and signs must be removed by January 2 if you want to keep them. Ornaments left on the trees will not be saved.