'Twas the Lights Before Christmas

Home Decorating Contest

Rules & Entry Form

'Tis the season to line our rooftops & yards with festive holiday lights & decorations. We hope that the City of Burton residents will help spread a little Christmas cheer with the message of hope, peace & joy through lights.

Contest Rules:

1. Participants must reside in the City of Burton.
2. All Participants are required to have their lights & decorations in operation for judging purposes. Judging will take place on December 16 after 5:00 pm. Judging is 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. Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm. To be fair, points will be taken away for anyone who hires professional companies to put up their decorations.
3. In order to take part in the contest, you must fill out an entry form and e-mail or mail it to Jacki Malin. You may also register online. All entries must be received by Monday, December 14, 2026, at the receptionist desk by 3:00 pm.

Email:	j.malin@burtonmi.gov
Address:	City of Burton-Jacki Malin 4303 S. Center Rd. Burton, MI 48519
Online Registration:	www.burtonmi.gov Departments- Parks & Recreation Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Entry Form:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am a resident of the City of Burton.
- ☐ As a participant in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest, I agree to allow the City of Burton to take pictures of my house and post them on social media and in press releases to news stations and media.
- ☐ As a category winner in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest, I agree to allow the City of Burton to publish my name and photo of my home on social media, in press releases to news stations and media.
- ☐ As a participant in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest, I agree to allow the City of Burton to add my address to a list so other residents may view my Home Decorating skills.

Signature: _____ Date: _____