

# Lighting & Decorating

## YOUR HOUSE LIKE A PRO

**W**HEN IT COMES TO LIGHTING AND DECORATING YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. COMING UP WITH THE PERFECT IDEA AND MAKING IT LOOK THE WAY YOU ENVISIONED IT IS OVERWHELMING FOR MANY HOMEOWNERS – ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE SO MUCH ON YOUR MIND FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

HERE ARE SEVEN TIPS THAT WILL HELP YOU DECORATE YOUR HOUSE LIKE A PRO FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

### 1. *Start Planning Early*

If you're planning on going all out with your holiday decorations, it's critical that you start planning as early as possible. You'll need plenty of time to come up with an idea, buy the supplies and decorate your home in time for the holidays.

If you're worried about such a tight deadline, consider hiring a professional to help you with the planning and design of your holiday display.

### 2. *Double Check Your Lights*

Regardless of whether you're using new lights or strings from previous years, always plug your lights in before you start decorating. This helps you identify any damaged or burnt out bulbs before hanging them up.

### 3. *Decorate Your Whole House*

To figure out how many lights you need to buy, it's important to map out the dimensions of your home. Measure the length and width of your house, the length of your walkway or driveway and count the number of trees and shrubs. Or, you could hire a professional to do the measuring for you.

### 4. *Avoid Clutter*

If you're planning on doing a ton of decorating, make sure it doesn't look messy or overly cluttered. Space out your decorations, wrap lights neatly around trees and bushes and make sure you have the right accessories to hang your lights.

This is where a professional often extremely beneficial because they have the experience and tools needed to design and put up holiday decorations as well as lights.

## 5. *Decorate The Trees*

When decorating the outside of your home, don't forget about the trees and bushes. Wrap tree trunks and limbs with strings of lights. This is fairly easy to do after the leaves have fallen, and it really helps to complete the overall look of your holiday display.

## 6. *Turn Off Your Lights At Night*

Always turn off your lights before going to bed at night or when you'll be away from your house for an extended period of time. Otherwise, you'll spend a lot of money on electricity and you risk light bulbs burning out quickly.

## 7. *Always Stay Safe*

Above all else, always stay safe when lighting and decorating your home for the holidays. Read the manuals that come with your lights and other decorations. Use ladders and harnesses when working at heights, and be sure not to overexert yourself. Better yet, hire a professional to handle the decorating for you.



# GO ALL OUT

Don't be afraid to go all out when lighting and decorating your house for the holidays – just make sure you do it thoughtfully, tastefully and carefully. This is where a professional can help the most. Hiring a professional allows you to sit back and enjoy the holiday season while someone else takes care of the planning, design, supplies and decorating for you.

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