

PARADE REGULATIONS

Any entries not abiding by these regulations will be removed by Parade

Organizers / Town Personnel the evening of the event.

- Float drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive their assigned float. Driver must have an unobstructed view of the roadway.
- Float entries cannot exceed 13 feet 5 inches in height or 12 feet in width. There is no limit on the length of a float entry.
- Each entry is required to provide two (2) walking Float Marshalls to accompany each side of the entry for the entire parade route. Float Marshalls are responsible for monitoring the progression of their floats to ensure that their entry is traveling at the appropriate speed and distance. Float Marshalls are to ensure the safety of their riders and/or walkers, and to keep spectators away from their float along the parade route. Float Marshalls must carry their Entry Number, which **MUST BE ILLUMINATED**. To be considered for judging, your float must display **A LIGHTED ENTRY NUMBER, VISIBLE TO THE JUDGES**.
- You may use battery-operated lights, or a generator to power your needs. **NO LIGHTED CANDLES ON PARADE ENTRIES**. Portable generators or compressors used on float entries must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator/compressor from combustible fabrication material. Generators/compressors must be equipped with firmly attached exhaust systems that terminate either into a common exhaust servicing the vehicle, or in the same manner as vehicle exhaust.
- A minimum of one 2A10BC type fire extinguisher must be provided on each float or unit. If an individual is in an enclosed float, there must be one fire extinguisher inside and another extinguisher outside.
- Children under 8 years old will not be permitted to ride on an open float or vehicular unit unless held by an adult and/or secured by appropriate measures. Children walking must be at least 8 years old. A limited number of participants will be able to ride on any float. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT OVERLOADING YOUR FLOAT WITH TOO MANY PEOPLE**. Use good judgment and remember that **SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN**, and should also be yours. Parade organizers/town personnel reserve the right to determine the number of riders for safety concerns.
- If there are animals on your float, or if you have an animal(s) walking, they must be on a leash and held by an adult at all times.
- Candy or other items cannot be thrown from the float or distributed (i.e. allowing spectators to enter the street and approach entries.) The streets are dark and visibility is limited. You may distribute items once your entry is parked at the end of the parade. **ANY ENTRY THROWING ITEMS FROM THEIR FLOAT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE PARADE**.

- Use of a public address system to broadcast messages is prohibited, Christmas or holiday music only please.
- In the unlikely event of rain, appropriate accommodations must be considered. Some of these include: Insuring your power supply has ground fault protection as required, not allowing participants to ride on the float if there are exposed metal surfaces, etc. Parade organizers/town personnel reserve the right to bar parade entries due to safety considerations.
- BY participating in the Electric Light Parade, you consent to the use of your photograph, or the photograph of your entry being used in future promotional material.
- Soliciting or selling is prohibited
- **THE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE HAS ONLY ONE LIVE SANTA CLAUS. SANTA ALWAYS APPEARS AS THE GRAND MARSHALL. TOO MANY SANTAS ARE CONFUSING FOR THE KIDS. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT SANTA AND ASK THAT HE RIDE ON YOUR ENTRY. WE HAVE A LONG TERM CONTRACT WITH THE JOLLY OLD ELF.**

GUIDELINES

- Find a way to put your organization's name on both sides of your entry and have it well lit. Many spectators are not close to the announcer and it is nice to have your hard work recognized.
- Flashlights are very helpful !!
- Entries are encouraged to play theme or holiday music throughout the parade. Please refrain from other types of music. The use of a public address system to broadcast messages is prohibited.
- For good tips or product information visit www.studioconcepts.com, www.geesales.com, and www.christmaslightcompany.com
- Religious and political expression is not prohibited but **please be sensitive to the faith and beliefs of others.**
- “The Holiday Glow on Monroe” is a gift to the community, therefore all soliciting/selling is prohibited.