

The Ultimate Christmas Decorating Checklist

Part 2 – Outdoor Locations

Roof Lines

- ☐ Props
 - ☐ Sleigh
 - ☐ Reindeer Figurines
 - ☐ Santa Legs Sticking Out of a Chimney
 - ☐ Light Up Flat Silhouette Yard Decorations
 - ☐ Light Up Santa Clause
 - ☐ Light Up Words
- ☐ Lights
 - ☐ Icicle Lights
 - ☐ C6, C7, and C9 Christmas Light Strings
 - ☐ Commercial Spools
 - ☐ LED C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
 - ☐ Incandescent C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
 - ☐ Commercial LED Christmas Lights
 - ☐ Rope Light

Helpful Tip – Uncut rope light is suitable for outdoor use. If cut, you must use silicone glue and shrink wrap any connections to protect them from water. Also keep in mind that the UL listing is voided once the rope light is cut.

Patios, Decks, and Gazebos

- ☐ Greenery
 - ☐ Wreaths
 - ☐ Bows
 - ☐ Ornaments
 - ☐ Bells
 - ☐ Christmas Garland
 - ☐ Bows
 - ☐ Ornaments
 - ☐ Poinsettias
 - ☐ Bells
 - ☐ Candy Canes
 - ☐ Holly Branches
 - ☐ Pine Cones
 - ☐ Christmas Teardrops Swag
- ☐ Props
 - ☐ Nutcracker and Toy Soldiers
 - ☐ Light Up Flat Silhouette Yard Decorations
 - ☐ DIY Tomato Cage Christmas Trees
- ☐ Lights
 - ☐ Rope Lights
 - ☐ Net Lights
 - ☐ Icicle Lights
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent Mini Lights
 - ☐ C6, C7, and C9 Christmas Light Strings
 - ☐ Commercial Stringers or Spools
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
 - ☐ Commercial LED Christmas Lights
 - ☐ Spheres
 - ☐ Patio String Lights
 - ☐ Colored S14 LEDs
 - ☐ Colored Incandescent S14s

Fun DIY – An often overlooked spot to decorate is the mailbox. Get ready-made covers at stores or make your own with cloth, garland, and ornaments.

Pathways, Walkways, and Driveways

- ☐ Props
 - ☐ Nutcracker and Toy Soldier Props
 - ☐ Light Up 3D Silhouette
 - ☐ Reindeer
 - ☐ Snowmen
 - ☐ Angels
 - ☐ Trees
 - ☐ Snowflakes
 - ☐ Cardboard Cutouts
 - ☐ The Grinch and Max
 - ☐ Peanuts and Snoopy
 - ☐ Rudolph the Red nose Reindeer
 - ☐ Nutcrackers
 - ☐ Nativity Scene
 - ☐ Christmas Tree and Presents
 - ☐ Words
 - ☐ Large Candy Canes or Lollipops
 - ☐ Light Up Present Boxes
- ☐ Lights
 - ☐ Pathway Lighted Markers
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent Mini Lights
 - ☐ C6, C7, and C9 Christmas Light Strings
 - ☐ Commercial Stringers or Spools
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
 - ☐ Rope Light

Helpful Tip - Need a good way to spotlight your cutouts and other decorations? Install a few solar spot light fixtures if you're in an area that gets enough light during the day to charge them.

Trees and Bushes

- ☐ Props
 - ☐ Oversized Ornaments
 - ☐ Finials
 - ☐ Christmas Bows
- ☐ Lights
 - ☐ Tree Wrap Lights
 - ☐ Net Lights
 - ☐ Rope Light
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent Mini Lights
 - ☐ LED Meteor Shower or Rain Lights
 - ☐ C6, C7, and C9 Christmas Light Strings
 - ☐ Commercial Stringers or Spools
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
 - ☐ Commercial LED Christmas Lights
 - ☐ Spheres

Fun Weekend DIY – Extremely versatile, net lights can be used for more than lighting bushes. Create a lit tunnel down your drive way by suspending LED net lights between arches made from PVC pipes.

Yards

☐ Props

- ☐ Christmas Inflatables
- ☐ Light Up Flat Silhouette Yard Decorations
- ☐ Light Up 3D Silhouette
 - ☐ Reindeer
 - ☐ Snowmen
 - ☐ Angels
 - ☐ Trees
 - ☐ Snowflakes
- ☐ Lit Bows
- ☐ Giant Snowflakes
- ☐ Giant Ornaments
- ☐ Cardboard Cutouts
 - ☐ The Grinch and Max
 - ☐ Peanuts and Snoopy
 - ☐ Rudolph the Red nose Reindeer
 - ☐ Nutcrackers
 - ☐ Nativity Scene
 - ☐ Christmas Tree and Presents
 - ☐ Words
- ☐ LED Spiral Outdoor Trees
- ☐ DIY Giant Christmas Light Balls
- ☐ DIY Tomato Cage Christmas Trees

☐ Lights

- ☐ LED or Incandescent Mini Lights
- ☐ C6, C7, and C9 Christmas Light Strings
- ☐ Commercial Stringers or Spools
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
- ☐ Rope Light
- ☐ Spheres

Helpful Tip – Running a lot of extension cords for your impressive displays? Make sure your cord connections are protected from water with power cord protectors. And make sure you don't run too many lights on the same circuit. Spread the load over multiple circuits to prevent tripping the breaker.

Gates, Fences, and Walls

- ☐ Greenery
 - ☐ Wreaths
 - ☐ Bows
 - ☐ Ornaments
 - ☐ Bells
 - ☐ Christmas Garland
 - ☐ Bows
 - ☐ Ornaments
 - ☐ Poinsettias
 - ☐ Bells
 - ☐ Candy Canes
 - ☐ Holly Branches
 - ☐ Pine Cones
 - ☐ Christmas Teardrops Swag
- ☐ Props
 - ☐ Nutcracker and Toy Soldier Props
 - ☐ Christmas Bows
 - ☐ Flat Silhouette Yard Decorations
 - ☐ Lanterns
- ☐ Lights
 - ☐ Laser Light Projectors
 - ☐ Rope Lights
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent Mini Lights
 - ☐ C6, C7, and C9 Christmas Light Strings
 - ☐ Commercial Stringers or Spools
 - ☐ LED or Incandescent C7 and C9 Replacement Bulbs
 - ☐ Commercial LED Christmas Lights
 - ☐ Spheres

Helpful Tip – Make avoiding electrical shorts and tripped breakers a priority this holiday season. Stay under the recommend wattage or maximum number of connections for your lights. Also unplug any infrequently used appliances as they can still draw power.

Accessories

- ☐ Outdoor Accessories
 - ☐ Outdoor Timers
 - ☐ Extension Cords
 - ☐ Cord Protectors
 - ☐ Receptacle Covers
 - ☐ Mounting Clips
 - ☐ Mounting Stakes
 - ☐ Christmas Light Testers
 - ☐ Christmas Light Controllers
 - ☐ Rope Light Accessories
 - ☐ Christmas Wire
 - ☐ C7 and C9 Sockets
 - ☐ Plugs
 - ☐ Electrical Tape
- ☐ Miscellaneous Accessories
 - ☐ Christmas Storage
 - ☐ Storage Spools for Lights
 - ☐ Zip Ties
 - ☐ Floral Wire