



Merrysville for the Holidays Electric Lights Parade Application



Saturday, December 3, 2016

Entry Fee \$20

Register online at marysvillewa.gov click on "register for programs" course #5773

Or in the Parks and Recreation office by:

Monday, November 21st (early applications are appreciated)

Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation
6915 Armar Rd., Marysville, WA 98270

**Please note the city provides travel arrangements for Santa and Mrs. Claus.*

Please do not include them in your entry.

Individual, Organization or Group Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Day Time Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Title of Float: _____

Vehicle /Float/Group Description (for line-up placement): _____

Type of Entry: Vehicle Length _____ ft. Walking Group _____ (number of people)
(Please mark all that apply.) Vehicle and Trailer _____ ft. Bicycles _____ (number of people)
 Animals (Pre-approval required)

- \$20 Entry Fee Attached (Please make checks payable to the City of Marysville)
- Proof of Insurance Attached (required for all vehicle entries)
- Indemnification Agreement - All participants must sign the indemnification agreement prior to the start of the parade. Youth under the age of 18 must have the signature of their parent/guardian. (The indemnification agreement may be turned in at parade registration on the day of the parade.)

Tell us about your float, group or business: (This is to be announced during the parade as you pass by Comeford Park. Please think of fun facts parade viewers would be interested in hearing about your entry).

**If you have questions about parade entries please contact
Parks, Culture and Recreation at 360-363-8400**





Electric Lights Parade General Information and Application

Welcome to the "Marysville for the Holidays" Annual Electric Lights Parade sponsored by Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation. Approximately 4,000 people attend the parade each year. The following is a summary of the parade for all perspective applicants. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marysville Parks and Recreation at (360) 363-8400.

- Entry Deadline:** Applications are due by **Monday, November 21** (early applications are appreciated)
- Parade Day:** Saturday, December 3, 2016
- Time & Location:** Line-up for all entries will take place at Municipal Court (1025 State Avenue) beginning at 5:00 p.m. **Judging of the entries will take place at 6:00 p.m.** The parade begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. due to scheduled street closures.
- Parade Route:** Entries will travel south on State Avenue from Municipal Court to Comeford Park. State Avenue will be closed to all traffic from Grove to 5th Street. **All motorized entries must line up on 5th and 6th Streets at the conclusion of the parade for spectator viewing until 8:00 p.m.** Entries should be prepared to have their lights on at this time.
- What is an entry:** Entries may consist of a motorized vehicle, bicycle or walking unit. **All entries are to be lighted with a Holiday theme.** Entries are encouraged to have amplified music as a part of their display.
- Handouts:** For the safety of all participants and the cleanliness of the streets handouts such as candy, stickers, fliers and coupons will **NOT** be allowed.
- Santa:** Our live Santa and Mrs. Claus will be the **only** Santa permitted in the Parade. This will maintain the spirit of one Santa for the little ones. Santa will ride to the park in one of the Fire Trucks. When he arrives, he will throw the switch to light the tower and then be available to visit with the children.
- Awards:** **Most Creative** **Best Use of Lights** **Mayor's Choice**
- Entry fee:** Each entry requires an event fee of \$20 payable to the City of Marysville. All motorized entries must have proof of state required insurance submitted with their entry form. Motorized entries that fail to provide Proof of Insurance will not be permitted to participate in the parade.
- How to Enter:** Please fill out and return the attached application to the address below:
- Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation
6915 Armar Road
Marysville, WA 98270
Fax (360)651-5089

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE -

The first thing most people say when approached about becoming involved with a parade entry is "I don't know how to make a float." It is really very simple and plenty of fun. Put together a few friends, some holiday decorations, a vehicle and everyone's creativity and before you know it you have a parade float. In the past, the following types of vehicles have been decorated and entered:

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| Motor homes | Boat on trailers | Pickup Trucks |
| Motorcycles | Vans | Flatbed Trucks |
| Cars (of all types) | Large trucks and trailers | Horse drawn Carts |

Though there are many motorized entries, bicycle and walking entries are encouraged to participate. Portable lights and glow sticks work well for bicycle and walking entries.

EQUIPMENT -

Lights: The choice is yours. There are many styles now available to create your masterpiece, from C-9 to Icicle Twinkle Lights let your imagination be your guide.

Decorations: You can use any of your favorite decorations. Items designed for outside use will be more resistant to the weather and are recommended.

Power: You have several options when it comes to power.

- Use battery powered twinkle lights. These most often come in strands of 15 or 20 and take 3 C batteries. They should last for the length of the parade, but not much longer.
- Borrow or rent a gas powered generator. This gives you more flexibility and allows you to use more or larger lights and decorations. Depending on the display, you will need anywhere from a 1000 watt to a 2500 watt generator. These can be rented from many of the local rental shops. The new models are very quiet and work fairly well for this purpose.
- The final option is to purchase or rent a battery inverter. This piece of equipment will allow you to use your vehicle's battery to power your lights. You may want to check with O'Reilly Auto or RV and Marine Supply. If you are interested in either renting or purchasing an inverter, please give the dealer a call at least two weeks in advance. If you plan to participate in the parade on a yearly basis, purchasing an inverter may be the way to go.

Other: You can use tape to fasten lights and decorations to your vehicle. Costumes for persons riding on or walking with the float gives the entry a more festive appearance. Music is another way to bring you entry to life. Choose your favorite holiday tunes and play them on a portable player. These items can be plugged into your power source or work off batteries. Limitations for height are required due to power lines and street lights.
Floats may not exceed 13.5 feet in height.

HAVE FUN AND WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE PARADE!!

For more information about entering the "Merrysville for the Holidays" Electric Lights Parade, please contact the Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Office at (360) 363-8400.