



**Brighton
Council**

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FESTIVE LIGHTING GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of these guidelines is to assist residents in planning and creating festive lighting displays that are safe, respectful and enjoyable for all members of the community.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Residents should take into account the following considerations when planning their display:

Use of Council Land and Infrastructure

- Decorations and lighting should not be placed on Council-owned land or infrastructure (e.g. nature strips/verges, footpaths, roads, stormwater drains, street signs, trees, or poles) without prior written approval from Council.
- A permit is required if any part of the display encroaches onto Council property.
- Any installation on Council land without approval may be removed or result in enforcement action.

Neighbourhood Amenity

- Displays should be designed to minimise disturbance to neighbouring properties.
- Consider the direction, brightness, and flashing patterns of lights to ensure they do not affect nearby homes, create unnecessary glare, or contribute to light pollution.
- Noise from accompanying music or sound effects should comply with noise regulations, particularly during night hours. Use of loudspeakers or external sound systems should be limited to reasonable hours (refer to the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Noise) Regulations*), unless otherwise approved.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VISITOR BEHAVIOUR:

The safety of both residents and visitors is paramount. Spectators are encouraged to observe the following guidelines to ensure a safe and respectful experience for all:

For Pedestrians

- Remain on designated footpaths and pedestrian areas.
- Do not enter onto private property unless invited.
- Supervise children and be cautious of uneven surfaces, cords or display items.

For Drivers

- Drive slowly and cautiously through residential streets.
- Be mindful of pedestrians and children, particularly during peak viewing times.
- Do not block driveways or intersections.

- Avoid stopping in the middle of the road to view displays.
- Follow all standard road rules and signage.
- Park legally and consider others when choosing where to stop.
- Report illegal or unsafe parking behaviour to Tasmania Police on the non-emergency number 131 444.

General Conduct

- Please take your rubbish with you – help keep the area clean and enjoyable for others.
- Do not damage or interfere with private displays or property.
- Be respectful of the surrounding neighbourhood.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND LARGE SCALE DISPLAYS:

In cases where a residential festive display is likely to attract a large number of visitors or includes additional features such as:

- Amplified sound/music
- Organised entertainment or performance
- Temporary food stalls or vendors
- Traffic management requirements
- Or the closure of part of a street

it may be classified as a Special Event.

In these situations, the property owner or organiser must contact Council to determine whether further permits, traffic management plans, or approvals are required. Early engagement is encouraged to allow time for necessary assessments and coordination.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For enquiries regarding this guideline, permits for displays on Council property, or to discuss a potential special event, please contact Council on:

Telephone: (03) 6268 7000

Email: admin@brighton.tas.gov.au or visit our website: www.brighton.tas.gov.au

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

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