

Borough of Mendham Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entry Application

Entry Application Period: through 12/19/2025

Judging Period: 12/20/2025 through 12/31/2025

The winner will be announced at the January 2026 Borough Council Meeting

All residents within the geographic boundaries of Mendham Borough are eligible to participate.

Participants may enter their owned or rented place of residence, whether single-family, duplex, or multi-family (condo or apartment).

Borough employees are not eligible. Decorations done by a commercial entity are not eligible.

Please read these rules and instructions, and if you have any questions, contact Mendham Borough Recreation at recreation@mendhamnj.org.

Entry applications are submitted to recreation@mendhamnj.org and need to be **received no later than 5pm on Friday, Dec 19, 2025.**

(all information is required)

Name: *(first)* _____ *(middle initial)* _____ *(last)* _____

E-mail address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt./Unit _____

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Rules

1. Participation is open to all Borough residents and businesses.
2. Entry is free, no cost or fees apply.
3. Paid employees of Mendham Borough are not eligible to participate.
4. Decorations done by a commercial entity are not eligible.
5. Entry Applications must be received no later than 5pm on Friday, December 19th.
6. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done from outside the residence only.
7. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore, only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards.
8. Participants agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the Mendham Borough website, and published in the annual Borough of Mendham Community Recreation and Information Guide. Participants also have a choice to be published in other local publications, and or MendhamTV. Participant agrees there will be no compensation of any kind for said posting or publication.
 - a. Check to agree to be published in other local publications ☐
 - b. Check to agree to be published on MendhamTV ☐
9. Judging criteria will include [a] Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations; [b] Storyline or theme; [c] Display and placement of decorations, animated objects, etc.; and [d] Overall presentation.
10. Judging will take place December 20-31, 2025.
11. Participants should ensure that all lights, animations, and decorations are in place and activated during the entire judging period from 12/20 to 12/31.
12. Winners will be announced on the Mendham Borough website and Borough Council meeting in January 2026.