



## Electric Lights Parade Information

Welcome to the **Merrysville for the Holidays Electric Lights Parade** presented 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, Culture and Recreation at (360) 363-8400.

**Entry Deadline:** Friday, Nov. 12 (early applications are appreciated)

**Parade Day:** **Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**Time & Location:** Line-up for all entries will take place at Municipal Court (1015 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 then turn right onto 6<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed west to Delta Ave. Once on Delta the parade will return to the Courthouse Parking Lot. Unlike years past floats/vehicles will not be stopping at Comeford Park.

**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 are NOT permitted.**

**Santa:** Santa and Mrs. Claus are part of the parade ever year and will be the **only** Santa permitted in the Parade.

**Awards:** Most Creative      Best Use of Lights  
Mayor's Choice      Best Big Rig

**Entry Fee:** Each entry requires an event fee of \$20 payable to the City of Marysville.

**Proof of Insurance:** 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:** Register online at [marysvillewa.gov](https://marysvillewa.gov) "sign up for classes"  
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## **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:

**Motor homes**

**Boat on trailers**

**Pickup Trucks**

**Motorcycles**

**Vans**

**Flatbed Trucks**

**Cars (of all types)**

**Large trucks and trailers**

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:** There are many styles now available to create your masterpiece, from LED to battery twinkle lights and glow sticks let your imagination be your guide.

**Decorations:** Use any of your favorite decorations. Items designed for the outdoors will be more resistant to the weather.

**Power:** There are several options when it comes to power.

- Battery powered twinkle lights. They should last for the length of the parade, but not much longer.
- 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.
- Battery inverter. This piece of equipment will allow you to use your vehicle's battery to power your lights. If you plan to participate in the parade on a yearly basis, purchasing an inverter may be the way to go.

**Other:** 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. 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 **Andrea Kingsford** at (360) 363-8401 or [akingsford@marysvillewa.gov](mailto:akingsford@marysvillewa.gov) .