

GUIDELINES FOR HOLIDAY NIGHTS OF LIGHTS DISPLAYS



Thank you for your interest in the Holiday Nights of Lights! We're so excited to see your light display and showcase your business or organization as part of our seasonal celebration.

We've developed this guide to help you plan and install a light display that will withstand the high winds and severe weather that is likely to occur during the weeks of the event.

Please remember that while you may build your display on a fair-weather day, the winds can top 50 miles per hour at the fairgrounds, while rain, snow and ice are other potential factors which could cause damage to your display.

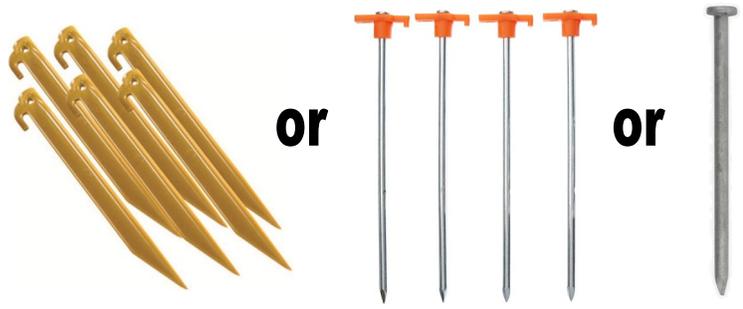
IMPORTANT STANDARDS TO CONSIDER with Various Types of Displays:

- 1) Please use **LED lights** as much as possible (they are cooler, conserve electricity, and last longer.)
- 2) Use **ONLY OUTDOOR** grade lights, extension cords, power strips, etc. While some displays may be plugged into an outlet inside a barn or other building, parts of your display will most likely be outdoors and the electric connectors **MUST** be protected from water, which can short-out your display and those around you. (If you supply a 50-ft extension cord for your display, we'll get the power to your display if additional cords are needed.)
- 3) If you use **SIGNS**, whether vinyl or wood - they must be well-connected, supported and/or braced to withstand wind. **DO NOT** use paper signs. Vinyl banners should have grommets to allow for safe and secure attachment to buildings, fences, vehicles, etc. with cable ties. Wood signs (billboard-style or other) **MUST BE BRACED** from behind (should be staked into the ground with braces and weights to provide at least a four-point anchor; they may also be braced by existing buildings or other structures with front-place weights.) Note: metal stakes for political type yard signs generally do not survive high winds - we recommend attaching them to something or using additional weights or braces to keep them in place.
- 4) If you use **INFLATABLES** - please make sure they are very securely anchored using tent stakes similar to those suggested on page 2. (The small metal stakes that come with most inflatables are not strong enough to withstand the severe winds we are almost certain to experience.) Make sure your tent stakes securely fasten the woven tabs sewn into most inflatables. These tabs are much stronger than the characters' parachute material and are more likely to hold the structure in place.
- 5) If you use **TREES** - they **MUST** be substantially weighted (and staked, if possible) at the base **AND** tied in at least 3 points with rope or cables attached to sturdy stakes or weights.
- 6) If you decorate (a) **VEHICLES(S)** - please let us know when you are coming so we can make sure it is placed properly. If you have inflatables inside, please leave one door unlocked so we can re-position them if needed.
- 7) If you use statues, figures, or other display elements with multiple pieces, please **CONNECT** the various pieces to one another and make sure the full structure is securely fastened to an existing barn, pole, fence, building, etc. **OR**, if free-standing, very securely staked/weighted.

If you have any questions, or need help securing your display, please let us know! 814.623.2233

SUGGESTED STAKES:

(9-10 in. long tent stakes with hooks or 10" landscaping nails with head)



OTHER USEFUL WEIGHTS, FASTENERS:

Bricks, Cinder Blocks, Pavers, Sand Bags - available at very low cost at construction supply stores, hardware, and some discount stores.

Zip Ties - available in many sizes at hardware stores, Wal-Mart and other retailers.

