

HOLIDAY DECORATING | SPREAD THE SPIRIT

# DECORATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD



**Are you actively involved in your church? Why not join (or start) a committee to decorate your building for Christmas?**

**M**aybe you volunteer at a local soup kitchen or senior center? Those buildings also may need a little Christmas spirit. And you may be just the person to do it. The best kind of holiday traditions are the ones that involve many people. So check in with your local organizations or leaders of faith to see if your help could be needed this Christmas season. Be sure to gather up your friends, family members and fellow community members to make a difference in spreading holiday cheer.

### Get Involved

Great ideas always start with an individual or group looking to make a difference. If you have the initiative to begin your own decorating committee, there are only a few steps you need to take.

- Reach out to the organization you're looking to help.
- Find out if there is any red tape to starting a committee, such as securing approval from the board of directors.
- Draft a simple contract between you and the organization that states what each party will be responsible for providing, such as funds, decorations or equipment.
- Form your core group of volunteers and set milestone meetings to make sure all key projects get done on time.
- Spread the word.

### Know Your Skillset

When forming a volunteer committee to decorate your local church or community organization, it is important to know where you fit into the group dynamic.

Are you a natural leader who takes control of project planning and execution? Or are you better at taking directions and working individually on specific tasks?

Do you have a creative side and natural knack for design? Or are your skillsets more in line with organizing meetings and reaching out to prospective volunteers?

All of these characteristics are helpful in establishing and sustaining a successful volunteer group.

Knowing where you stand will help you realize what other kinds of personalities you should bring onboard to help your decorating team be a success.



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