

Trim-A-Tree Decoration Guidelines

Please share these guidelines with everyone in your group/organization. Ornaments made from the materials listed below are not allowed to be hung on the trees and will be removed. Please keep in mind the health and safety of the outdoor animals when constructing your ornaments. Be creative!

Materials NOT Recommended for Ornaments:

*FOOD ITEMS, including but not limited to:

- food on strings (popcorn, cereal, cranberries, peanuts, pasta, marshmallows)
- candy canes
- ice cream cones with birdseed
- graham crackers
- cereal
- peanut butter balls with bird seed
- dog biscuits
- pine cones dipped in peanut butter
- pet food

NON-DURABLE ITEMS:

- ornaments made of dough
- varnished or shellacked dough
- strung Styrofoam "peanuts"
- objects with jagged edges
- unlaminated paper

OTHER:

- tinsel
- straw
- glass
- anything valuable*

Materials Recommended for Ornaments:

- *decorated popsicle sticks
- *laminated paper
- *styrofoam balls
- *foil wrapped objects
- *strung beads
- *yarn
- *fabric
- *soda cans
- *wood items
- *plastic containers
- *cd's

PLEASE REMEMBER DURABILITY. The ornaments need to withstand the elements of winter. Ornaments should be painted, varnished, shellacked or laminated. Water-soluble glue (Elmer's) is NOT recommended.

Please hang ornaments with string or yarn (no wire or pipe cleaners). Tie the ornaments tight enough that they will not blow off, but not so tight that volunteers are unable to remove them.

Lights will be strung by the Park District staff. Do NOT add additional lights. Your groups should make enough ornaments to sufficiently decorate your tree. Approximately 150-200 ornaments no smaller than 3"x3" and no larger than 4"x6".

Please note: If your group would like to keep its ornaments, you may remove them January 1-10, 2021. Ornaments left on the trees will not be saved.

Illumination Decoration Guidelines

Need: 1 Gal Plastic Milk Jug

Materials NOT Recommended as part of your decorations will follow the same guidelines as the Trim-A-Tree:

*Food Items

*Non-Durable Items

Please keep in mind these luminaries will have to brave the elements of an Illinois winter!

Need some ideas?:

<http://bee-ingmommy.blogspot.com/2017/12/milk-jug-snowmen.html>



Paint the inside of the jug by pouring paint – cover with lid – and shake – uncover and let dry
Paint outside of Jug or use permanent marker to draw design



Paint the inside of the jug by pouring paint – cover with lid - and shake – uncover and let dry
Poke holes to make a design or any pattern to allow the light from the glow stick to shine through

The above are just some ideas – get creative and make a one of a kind luminary to showcase at our event!
(Please do not remove the top of the milk jug)

Questions? Please email Lianne Robinette at lrobinette@wpdparks.org.

**The Park District is not responsible for ornaments/decorations that are missing, stolen or lost.*