

RESIDENTS' CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY GUIDELINES



INTRODUCTION

The City of Marion want to partner with our residents and help them create Christmas light displays as an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the festive season. Some *'Christmas Light Guidelines'* have been developed to assist the community in planning their display.



CONSIDERATIONS

To ensure an enjoyable community event for all, we have created a checklist for residents to assist them with any preparation. Some points to consider include:



Lighting / Music

- Consider the positioning of the lights to reduce impact on neighbouring homes including windows and private areas
- Ensure lights are on only when display is in use.
- City of Marion will address any complaints from community feedback.
- Check noise restrictions. Noise levels outside of these restrictions would require a Special Event Permit and appropriate approvals from Council (see below).



Council Land

People are discouraged from placing object/s or lights on Council property. If you do wish to, you will require a permit pursuant to section 221 of the Local Government Act (public and property safety will be assessed). The following structures all form part of the road infrastructure:

- Footpath
- Verge (including street tree)
- Stormwater Drains
- Road

Traffic Management, Road Congestion and Pedestrian Safety

To ensure everyone's safety we encourage the following; spectators viewing the Christmas light displays on foot, please stay on the footpath.

- Spectators in vehicles, please consider other road users when you are driving by or parking near Christmas lights.
- Drive slowly and watch for pedestrians
- Adhere to marked parking restrictions



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- Contact us with any concerns regarding illegal parking and we will work with the community to address
- Trespassing on private property and property damage are valid concerns. Although not in Council's jurisdiction, concerned residents are encouraged to contact SAPOL to report these issues.
- Residents that predict high volumes of pedestrian traffic adjacent and/or nearby their property are encouraged to assess the surrounding area for any potential trip hazards and advise Council through calling our Customer Service Counter.

Advertising / Promotion



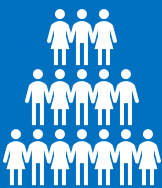
By Council

Members of the community wishing to have their Christmas lights display promoted using council's communications channels, should email council@marion.sa.gov.au Promotion of displays is not guaranteed and will be at the discretion of the Council.

By Individual / Groups

In accordance with the 'Moveable Sign By-law' Residents / Groups are required to seek an authorisation or permit to install a sign or collect donations on local government land.

Community members are encouraged to review the "Advertising Signs Brochure" below and comply with specific requirements. If approval is required, the "Temporary Signs and Banners Application Form" must be completed and submitted to Council for approval.



Special Event

Further permits and approvals may be required if the display is considered a 'special event'.

One or more of the following conditions could make a Christmas light display a 'special event' and require the appropriate permits and approvals:

- The installation of larger scale Christmas light displays at one or several residences within a street or local area with an identifiable organiser(s).
- Selling food, drink or merchandise,
- The promotion of a Christmas light display in such a way as to encourage higher vehicle and pedestrian numbers which may cause safety issues or impact on neighbours in close proximity.
- The requirement for temporary road closures and traffic management (under the Road Traffic Act).

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In these cases, Council requires the organiser to consider public safety and convenience issues and consider the views of people likely to be affected by the display. Please contact Council for further information or to make an inquiry.



INSURANCE

Residents are advised to obtain public liability insurance (typically through home and contents insurance) and inform them of the Christmas light display.



FEEDBACK OR COMPLAINTS

To provide feedback or to make a complaint, you can:

- Complete the online feedback and complaints form ([here](#))
- Phone us on 8375 6600
- Write to us at PO Box 21, Oaklands Park SA 5046



ADDITIONAL CITY OF MARION RESOURCES:

[Special Event Permit – General Conditions](#)

[Special Event Permit – Application Form](#)

[Advertising Signs Brochure](#)

[Temporary Signs and Banners Application Form](#)

[Risk Assessment for Events Held on Council Land](#)

[Temporary Road Closure / Traffic Management Application Form](#)

[Access over Community Land Permit](#)

[Verge Development Application – Section 221 Permit](#)