



# Warrenton Christmas Parade Rules & Regulations

## Entry and Float Requirements

- Treat parade officials, volunteers, and law enforcement with respect.
- Follow all instructions from officials. Noncompliance may result in removal and disqualification from future events.
- Display your organization or business name clearly.
- Only the official Santa may appear in costume. Santa hats are allowed.
- Do not throw items, e.g. candy and promotional materials. Hand them directly to spectators.
- Each entry must have at least two adult supervisors.
- Children 12 and under may not walk beside motorized units.
- Single-unit trucks must not exceed 40 feet.
- Combination vehicles (pintle-hook, ball hitch, or fifth-wheel) must not exceed 40 feet unless pre-approved.
- Maximum entry height is 13 feet 6 inches.
- No protruding parts that could pose safety risks.
- Vehicle entries must carry a 5-pound, 3A40BC fire extinguisher.
- No abrupt or aggressive movements. Speed demonstrations are prohibited.
- Maintain forward motion throughout the parade.
- Switch to parking lights before entering Main Street when instructed.
- Drivers may not use phones or MP3 players during the parade.
- All vehicles, to include cars, vans, and utility vehicles, must be tastefully decorated with illuminated Christmas themes.
- Propane trucks are not allowed.
- Entries must match the description submitted. Unauthorized changes may result in disqualification.

## Animal Entries

- Provide one costumed person with scoop and container to clean up after animals.

## Performers

- Performances must be appropriate for all ages.
- Costumes, music, and choreography must meet community standards.
- No suggestive or aggressive movements.
- Keep amplified music at a reasonable volume.
- Maintain forward motion; no extended stops.
- Groups must supervise performers under 18.
- Secure all props and equipment.
- All performers must attend a pre-event meeting to review rules and expectations.
- Noncompliance may result in removal.

## Arrival and Departure Procedures

- Use designated drop-off and pick-up points per parade official and/or police guidance.
- Unauthorized vehicle access near staging or dispersal areas is prohibited.
- These procedures support safety, traffic flow, and emergency access.
- Maps and instructions will be provided. Compliance is required.

## Additional Guidelines

- Music must be family-friendly and at a reasonable volume.
- Motorized entries must carry proof of insurance.
- The parade will proceed rain or shine unless deemed unsafe.
- Parade officials' decisions are final.
- Officials will be stationed along the route to assist.

## Disclaimer

Rules and regulations are subject to change at the discretion of parade organizers. Changes will prioritize safety and security. All decisions by parade officials are final.