



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 to walk alongside with scoop 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.