

# YOUR 2019 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GUIDE

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## KNOW THE RULES

- No one wants to come face-to-face with the neighbourhood grinch this Christmas. To avoid any complaints, make sure that your lights don't cast a spotlight into your neighbours property. This especially includes intimate areas like bathrooms and bedrooms.
- To ensure that privacy is respected, extra bright lights should be directed towards the grass if possible.
- Don't forget to switch off your masterpiece every night. If you don't have access to an automatic on/off system, just make it a part of your bedtime routine to quickly flick the right switches.
- If you've stepped up your game this year by adding in some Christmas jingles to your yard, ensure they're turned off at 10pm every night (by law in NSW).

## KNOW YOUR ANGLES

- We're not talking about your kids' annual Santa shot (or that Christmas party selfie). Make your life easier when hanging lights onto trees or tall fences by having a sturdy ladder ready to utilise, it's an important safety measure. Also, kids + ladders = big no-no. Keep them on the ground!
- Sometimes bushes, hedges and shrubs can be hard to wrap lights around with your bare hands. Consider a quick stop by Bunnings to purchase some tree clips which will help you safely attach lights.
- Another angle to consider is which part of your chosen trees/bushes/hedges are actually on display - save lights by only decorating that side. For tall trees, start at the base and wrap the lights in an upward spiral for maximum effect.



## GET CREATIVE

- Now the fun truly starts! A variation of coloured lights is always a feast for the eyes. Mix your staple red and green lights with pops of any other colour such as blue, yellow and purple. It's pretty magical what a variety of colours can do for your display.
- Don't stop at lights - scenic displays are a fabulous way to showcase Christmas characters. There are so many different kinds of Santa Claus, reindeer and elves that you can feature. Create your own story - pop Santa Claus going down a chimney and gather his reindeer nearby. Create more effect by flashing certain features at intervals.



## HIDDEN GEMS

- Every year, on-lookers marvel at creative and unique decorating. Inspect your garden to find any unusual decorating spots. Think bird baths, outdoor bricks that you haven't sorted through yet (maybe next Christmas) and letterboxes. The more unique, the more effective. Finalise the look by wrapping lights around any columns and potted plants.
- Your walkway to the front door is incredibly easy to work with - line each side with Christmas star-like decorations to add extra ambience, and pop a wreath onto your front door.

## MOST IMPORTANTLY

- Enjoy the process! Christmas light decorating is an easy, fun way to get the family together and adds excitement at this time of year.
- If you feel like showing us your final masterpiece, upload a photo and tag us on Instagram @raywhitecastlehill