



TREE
FEST

Decorating Tips

Thank you for volunteering to decorate a TreeFest tree. Here are some tips that we hope will be useful to consider before arriving to decorate.

Consider bringing the following: scissors, clippers, tape, staplers, gloves, camera, tree lights, etc.

FREE TREE LIGHTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. Adding lights to your tree is highly recommended. **Lights must be new and must be LED.** Extension cords are available. Don't worry about cord placement except to move them out of the way of traffic. Cords will be arranged later.

TINSEL AND ARTIFICIAL SNOW ARE LOVELY BUT MAKE UNDECORATING DIFFICULT AND WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT USE EITHER.

Bring your camera for group photos. A TreeFest volunteer will be available to take a photo with your camera, if you desire. A professional photographer will take photos of individual trees. One photo will be sent to your group and one to the sponsor of your tree.

A limited number of stepstools and ladders are available. Please be considerate of others and make them available as soon as you are finished. You are welcome to bring your own.

Tree skirts will be provided by TreeFest, but you may wish to donate one with your decorations and lights.

PLEASE take all your trash with you. Do not leave boxes for lights or decorations.

At the end of TreeFest volunteers undecorate your tree and place all decorations in paper bags. **If you plan to leave other items for tree recipients such as canned goods, gifts or other items please place them in a decorated box or basket that can be easily carried.**

Do not leave monetary gifts or gift certificates with your decorated tree. It is suggested that you leave them at the registration table in an envelope marked for Bonnie Crawford with your group's name on it. She will make sure they are given to the tree recipient when the tree is picked up.

IF YOU NEED TO KEEP ANY DECORATIONS: return to TreeFest on Sunday, December 3rd^H between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m. to claim it. The Community Decorators Committee cannot take responsibility for the decorations you want returned.

Questions: Cindy Schultz, cindygschultz@gmail.com

TreeFest shall not be liable for any loss or damage to decorations, accessories, or personal belongings of the participants.



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Donation Guidelines

TreeFest organizers have long been awed and humbled by the generosity of the community and sponsor decorators. Many of you have gone beyond beautifully and lovingly decorating a tree as a gift to someone they will never meet. You left gifts of food and presents. This is truly touching and a demonstration of love and caring.

We adopted the following guidelines in 2018 to help manage the many donations of food and gift cards.

Gift cards to Weis Markets, Giant Food stores or Walmart would be a welcomed inclusion and would be held by the Treefest chairperson to go to the matched family. The families can use them to buy fresh food and gas (very much needed)

- **Any donations of food placed under a tree will go to the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard for distribution**
- **Any gifts placed under the tree should be new and unwrapped and will remain under the tree until the end of TreeFest when they will be added to TreeFest's local Toys for Tots donations.**

We do not and would not ask ANY of our decorators to take on a financial commitment to provide food or gifts along with their generous donation of materials for decorations and their time spent making them and decorating the tree.

If you choose to leave gift cards, food or toys, please know that all will make their way to families in need during the holiday season.