

# Lighting up the Holidays

We love to decorate with lights for the holidays! Did you know that holiday lights are available in LED, using 90% less energy than the standard incandescent strings of lights? Now that's energy efficiency! Besides that...here's why it's important to switch to LED in today's world:

**Energy-Efficient:** which means a lower carbon footprint.

**Long Life Span:** Lasts up to 10 times longer (100,000 hours or more if used inside, half that outside).

**Safety:** No chance of fire as bulbs are always cool to the touch.

**Sturdy Bulbs:** No moving parts, filaments or glass...they are virtually indestructible!

**Lots of Colors:** Available in strings from 25-150 bulbs with red, green, blue, white, yellow and multi-colored bulbs.

**Lots of Styles:** Including mini-ice, ball-shaped, candle-shaped bulbs, icicle-style lamps, color-changing, commercial-quality, rope lights, and other holiday ornaments.

**Low Cost:** The cost to run over time overcomes the purchase price.

**HAVE A SAFE, BRIGHT HOLIDAY SEASON and a BRIGHT NEW YEAR!**



## HOLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY

Whatever type of holiday lighting you choose, the Holland Board of Public Works wants you and your loved ones to have a safe holiday season. Follow these safety tips for holiday lights:

Buy Energy Star labeled LED's.

If you are buying incandescent or mini-bulbs, look for the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) safety-certification label.

Always follow the directions on the box.

Discard old light strings if wires are frayed, cracked or damaged, or if they have loose connections or broken sockets.

When replacing a bulb, use the correct bulb size (wattage) for the fixture.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

Hang lights wisely. Do not use nails, staples or tacks to hang. Use insulated holders made for hanging holiday lights.

Hang lights carefully. Don't hang near anything flammable or near a heat source.

Use extension cords properly. Use indoor extension cords indoors. Outdoor cords can be used inside or outside.

Don't overload outlets. Don't plug more than three standard-sized sets of lights into an extension cord, unless the directions indicate it's safe. Connect lights to extension cord before plugging into outlet.

Don't put cords under rugs, and keep away from places people walk.

Never use indoor lights outside.

When decorating outdoors, never string lights on or near power lines.

Plug outdoor decorations into outlets protected by Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) to prevent shock.

Never pull on a string of lights. It stresses cords and leads to fraying. Store holiday lights loosely wrapped for the same reason.

Turn all holiday lights off before going to bed or leaving home.

After you've safely decorated your home, don't forget to take a walk through Holland's Centennial Park this holiday season! The Holland BPW decorates the park as a gift to our customers!



Downtown Holland  
44 West Ninth Street  
Holland, Michigan 49423

# The Holidays in Downtown Holland



Calendar of Events



## Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 21 • 6-9 pm  
Downtown Holland • 616.394.0000

Over 1500 luminaries line the streets in historic Downtown Holland. Stroll the heated cobblestone sidewalks filled with carolers, chestnuts roasting, Santa Claus and one-of-a-kind shops and galleries.

## Kerstmarkt

Friday, November 27 • 10am-8pm  
Saturday, November 28 • 9am-5pm  
Tuesday, December 1 • 3-8pm  
Friday, December 4 • 3-8pm  
(Dog Sled demos 4 & 5pm)  
Saturday, December 5 • 9am-5pm  
(Dog Sled demos 11am & Noon)  
Friday, December 11 • 3-8pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 9am-5pm  
Eighth Street Market Place • 616.394.0000

Authentic open-air European Christmas market, where vendors offer unique gifts and holiday treats from historically crafted booths.

## Farmers Market

Thru November 28  
Wednesdays & Saturdays • 8am-3pm  
Saturday, December 5 & 12 • 8am-3pm  
Eighth Street Market Place • 616.355.1138

Area farmers feature locally grown Christmas trees, wreaths, garland, and winter fruits and vegetables. The market is joined by the Kerstmarkt on Saturdays.

## Parade of Lights

Tuesday, December 1 • 6:30pm  
Downtown Holland • 616.394.0000

Santa arrives in Downtown Holland escorted by bands, floats and individuals decked out in holiday lights.

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December 2, 2009-January 2, 2010  
Downtown Holland • 616.394.0000

Walk through Downtown Holland's Centennial Park filled with lit snowflakes. The Holland Board of Public Works continues to "light up the holidays."

## Sinterklaas Eve

Friday, December 4 • 7pm  
Downtown Holland • 616.394.0000

Folk celebration centered around Sinterklaas, the benevolent St. Nicholas. In true Dutch tradition, Sinterklaas arrives each December on his white horse, surrounded by his mischievous Zwarte Piet helpers.



## Santa's House

Friday, November 27 • 1-8:30pm  
Saturday, November 28 • 1-5pm  
Saturday, December 5 • 5-8:30pm  
Friday, December 11 • 1-5pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 1-5pm  
Monday, December 14 • 5-8pm  
Tuesday, December 15 • 5-8pm  
Wednesday, December 16 • 5-8pm  
Thursday, December 17 • 5-8pm  
Friday, December 18 • 5-8:30pm  
Saturday, December 19 • 1-5pm  
Monday, December 21 • 5-8pm  
Tuesday, December 22 • 5-8pm  
Wednesday, December 23 • 1-8:30pm  
Thursday, December 24 • 11am-2pm  
Home & Company, 190 South River Avenue  
616.393.0305

Enjoy a favorite holiday tradition and visit Santa Claus in Downtown Holland. Free photo with Santa!

## A Christmas Story

Saturday, November 28 • 2pm  
Sunday, November 29 • 2pm  
Thursday, December 3 • 7pm  
Friday, December 4 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 5 • 2 & 7pm  
Thursday, December 10 • 7pm  
Friday, December 11 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 12 • 2 & 7pm  
Holland Civic Theatre, 50 West Ninth Street  
616.396.2021

This hilarious Christmas tale, based on the movie of the same title, features Ralphie and his quest for a genuine Red Ryder BB gun.

## Up on the Rooftops

Friday, December 11  
Tour: 6-8:30pm • Reception: 8-9:30pm  
Downtown Holland • 616.796.1210

A self-guided tour of 12 rarely seen Downtown second story residences and 2 businesses. Reception follows at the historic Fifth Third Bank building. Tickets available at [www.upontherooftops.com](http://www.upontherooftops.com).



## The Promise

Friday, December 11 & 18 • 7pm  
Saturday, December 12 & 19 • 2 & 7pm  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 East Eighth Street  
616.394.7109

A Christmas celebration through dance performed by the lakeshore's premiere ballet company.

## Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 12 • 10am-Noon  
Holland Civic Center, 150 West Eighth Street  
616.355.1130

Make holiday gifts and crafts, enjoy snacks and visit with Santa and his elves. Pre-register at the Civic Center or at the door.

## Holiday Celebration Concert

Saturday, December 12 • 3:30 & 7:30pm  
Dimnent Chapel, Hope College • 616.494.0256

Enjoy traditional and holiday selections performed by the Holland Symphony and the Holland Chorale.

## Victorian Christmas Tea

Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13 • 1-5pm  
Cappon House, 228 West Ninth Street • 616.392.9084

Visit the stately Cappon House dressed in Victorian Christmas finery and sample dainty tea treats of Victorian Holland. Reservations required.

## Shopping Jam

Saturday, December 19 • 7-10am  
Downtown Holland

Downtown Holland welcomes you early in the morning with special sales and lots of fun! Get up early and wear what you wore to bed!

## Christmas Week at the Holland Museum

December 29-31 • 10am-2 pm  
Holland Museum, 31 West Tenth Street • 616.392.9084

Free holiday crafts, activities and refreshments for families in the museum lobby. Regular admission to galleries and special exhibits.

## Collegiate Invitational Ice Sculpting Competition

Friday-Saturday, January 8-9, 2010  
Downtown Holland • 616.394.0000

Stroll the streets of Downtown Holland and watch as 200-pound blocks of ice are turned into glistening works of art.

GET OUT AND ENJOY THE SEASON!!!

People come from all over to Holland for the holidays. Shopping, dining, things to do. So season's greetings and we'll see you here.

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