

## **BHI Questions?** Holiday Exterior Decorations

Are you considering decorating with holiday lights and exterior decorations on Bald Head Island? Here are some important points to be aware of for any outdoor decorations you are considering, to be compliant with the Design Guidelines. For the full Design Guidelines document, visit *BaldHeadAssociation.com*. "Decorative Items" are on page 118. You can also perform a key word search by clicking "CTRL+F" once the document is fully open, to bring up the search window.

- Exterior decorative items must be few in number and consistent with the general subdued and natural character of the Bald Head Island conservation consciousness.
- All exterior decorative items must be constructed of natural and organic materials and blend seamlessly within the home and landscape design. Colors should complement the natural surroundings.
- All exterior decorative items must be harmonious with the community aesthetic, site, home and surrounding environment.

Regarding exterior holiday lighting specifically, here is the guideline (on page 123 of the Design Guidelines):

• Holiday lighting is permitted from November 15 to January 15 only. Moderation is recommended. No holiday or string lighting is to be used for exterior decoration any other time during the year, including clear or white lights, nor is it permitted to be used to illuminate any exterior steps, porches, arbors, structures, etc., any other time of year.

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