



# Homeowners Guide

## FOR HOLIDAY & RELIGIOUS DISPLAYS

Community association board members may choose to develop a holiday and religious display rule that is easy for residents to follow and easy to enforce. Have a happy holiday with these tips.

### BOARD MEMBERS

- Engage residents in a conversation on whether your community association would benefit from a rule for holiday and religious displays.
- Consult with your community association manager and attorney if your community decides it would benefit from a rule. These experts can help make sure your policy is consistent with your association's governing documents as well as state and local laws. Create a holiday and religious display rule only if necessary.
- Include community consensus in the rule. It may include the start date and end date of when decorations may be displayed, hours when lights and displays in yards or balconies may be on, and specifics regarding size, sounds, and placement.
- Ensure that the policy is clear, enforceable, and reasonable.
- Request feedback from residents throughout the process.
- Communicate new information to all residents after the policy is adopted and remind residents of the rule prior to the holiday season.
- Review your policy regularly and determine if it needs to be updated.

### RESIDENTS

- Participate in the community engagement process by reading information, attending meetings, and contributing to the conversation.
- Know your community association's rule before putting up your holiday decorations and religious displays.
- Ask your board for clarification if you have a question about the rule.
- Enjoy your neighbors and your community during the holidays and throughout the year.