

Patriotic Decorating Contest – Official Rules

1. Theme Requirement

All decorations must follow a **patriotic theme celebrating the United States and Independence Day**.

2. Display Deadline

Decorations must be fully set up by June 20 and remain displayed until **July 5th**.

3. Visibility

Decorations must be **clearly visible from the street or public area** so judges can view them.

4. Property Boundaries

All decorations must be **placed within your own property boundaries** and must not extend onto public streets, sidewalks, or neighboring properties.

5. Safety

Decorations must be **secure, weather-safe, and properly installed**. Do not block sidewalks, driveways, fire hydrants, or emergency access areas.

6. Family-Friendly Displays

Decorations must be **appropriate for all ages**. Offensive or inappropriate content is not allowed.

7. No Political Messaging

Displays should focus on **patriotic celebration**. Political campaign messages or endorsements will not be considered.

8. Compliance with Local Rules

Decorations must **comply with local ordinances, HOA rules, and property regulations**.

9. Judging

Judges will evaluate entries based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Patriotic spirit
- Overall appearance and curb appeal
- Effort and detail

10. Photos & Promotion

By entering the contest, participants agree that **photos of their decorated home or business may be used for community promotion or social media.**

11. Submit entries via email to Union County Veterans' 4th of July Committee at ucveterans4thofjuly@gmail.com between May 22 and June 20, 2026.