



When is it Time For Christmas Decorations?

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brilliance of stars twinkling amidst evergreens. Christmas trees didn't become popular in the U.S. until around 1890s, because they were mainly seen as pagan symbols. Electricity brought about Christmas lights, which allowed Christmas trees to appear in town squares across the country. One of the most well-known Christmas trees is the Rockefeller Center Tree, which is located at Rockefeller Center in New York City. It's existence dates back to the Depression era days, and continues to be replaced every year.

How early is too early for Christmas decorations?

With the existence of several different holidays prior to Christmas, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, people often argue about when the best time to put up Christmas decorations is. Today, many stores begin unpacking and displaying Christmas decorations as early as the beginning of October. Some people think that having Christmas decorations and supplies out early makes for earlier Christmas shopping. However, some also believe that decorations shouldn't be put up until after Thanksgiving. When it comes to Christmas trees, howev-

er, it depends on whether or not people purchase real or fake trees. Pine and needle trees last up to four weeks, but that solely depends on how one takes care of them. Some may associate Christmas decorations with feelings of nostalgia and excitement from childhood. Others, who make DIY decorations, may want to enjoy them longer, which could inspire them to decorate earlier. Moreover, families can set up hands-on activities that can be worked on together, such as gingerbread houses and homemade ornaments. At the end of the day, whether or not decorations should be put up solely depends on each family and the traditions

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Most of the people I have met here in the United States prefer putting up Christmas decorations either after Halloween or after Thanksgiving. As a Filipino, I tend to prefer putting up Christmas decorations as early as the beginning of the 'ber' months, namely: September, October, November, December. This is because we don't celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving, which makes the most anticipated holiday for most Filipinos, Christmas. As a kid, I was always excited for the 'ber' months to begin, because that meant that my family and I would dedicate a day to make

our humble home look decorated and pretty. In school, for art class, we would bring materials to make parols. Parols are Christmas ornaments shaped like a heart, which often reflects the Christmas lights present on walls, posts, and trees all around the barangay (neighborhood). We also start a countdown for Christmas, with the local news starting at 150 days before the holiday. This made me more and more excited for "Noche Buena", or Christmas Eve, where my family and I would go to Church and celebrate mass together, then be greeted by fireworks as we leave. After which, we would all go home, exchange gifts, and eat till the night turned into day.

Student and Teacher Opinions on Christmas Decorations

Evelyn Eckhardt
Editor/Reporter



Freshman

"Christmas decorations should not be put up any time before Thanksgiving. Anytime after Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to start putting up Christmas decorations."

Bella Imhof



Sophomore

"Christmas decorations should be put up before the end of October. Christmas is a big holiday, and the thought of it makes people happy and gets them in the spirit."

Ashlyn Rapacz



Junior

"Christmas decorations are debatable depending on what decorations are included. If big decorations are put up before December it's too early, but I think plain lights. However, after Thanksgiving is the best time to put them up."

Jacob Hoge



Senior

"It is always time for Christmas decorations to be put up. Everyone loves the holidays so you can always be ready for Santa and the Christmas season."

Matthew Gonzalez



Teacher

"Christmas decorations are okay the day after Thanksgiving through New Years Day. Anytime outside of that is passing it. Christmas music on the other hand is only okay starting December 20th through Christmas."

Mr. Pavesic



Teacher

"Christmas decorations are okay to be put up any day after Thanksgiving, any day before that is pushing it, it ends up taking away the meaning of Thanksgiving."

Mrs. Compton