

Bedford Christmas Parade Rules

1. **No** parade unit will be allowed in the parade line-up without a properly completed entry form submitted before the deadline noted on the official Entry Form. All parade units should be decorated in a Christmas theme
2. All Parade entries must be **lighted entries**. **NO Live Santa / Santa impersonators are permitted** to ensure that "Santa" is featured at the end of the parade.
3. Entries are **NOT permitted to throw candy, literature, or any other items from a moving parade unit**. If you do have something to pass out it must be handed out while walking. This is for the safety of spectators as well as participants.
4. **No** sirens or other forms of horns that emit loud piercing sounds will be allowed during the parade.
5. Anything deemed to be a potentially dangerous situation by the fire inspector, is required to be corrected. See 5A – 5C for additional information.
 - 5A. If a generator is being used to provide power to run the entry, 16/3 AWG (min size) power cords are required, and please be sure to have extra fuel in an approved container on your float or towing vehicle. An approved ABC fire extinguisher will be required. A Fire Marshall will inspect all entries using a generator during the lineup. Those not complying with this safety precaution will not be allowed in the parade. For safety reasons, do not attempt to refuel your float while it is in motion or during the parade itself - refueling is permissible only before the start of the parade.
 - 5B. An approved ABC fire extinguisher is required for any float or other entry using gasoline or other flammable substance.
 - 5C. A clearance shall be maintained around equipment that gets hot when running for the following: ordinary combustibles (paper, wood, plastic, etc.) of not less than three (3) feet and not less than ten (10) feet for approved fuel containers.
6. **Do not leave your parade entry in the lineup area until you are properly placed by a Lions Club member.**
7. Please do not fall behind. Maintain the same spacing, no more than 40' gap, behind the unit in front of you as you had when you were released from the parade formation site.
8. Walkers must be with a vehicle or float and be able to keep up with parade flow. If they are not able to maintain pace, they need to get on the float or vehicle.
9. Performances are to take place along the parade route. No stopping along the parade route.
10. The parade route will be same as last year's parade. Make sure you finish the entire route....turn right on Lincoln, go to 13th Street and turn left and then turn left back onto "M" Street. Visit www.downtownbedford.org for Parade Route Map & Line up #'s