

The Annual Atwater Christmas Parade
Presented by: The Atwater 4th of July Committee
Friday, December 5, 2025 7:00 p.m.

1. **The theme for the Annual Atwater Christmas Parade is "A Candyland Christmas".** Entries should use this as their guide when decorating and planning their participation. All entries should have a positive and respectful theme.
2. **No food preparation and/or distribution is permitted.** The sale of any type of food or goods is also prohibited unless County approved permit is obtained.
3. **The streets for the Parade route are narrow.** Please consider this when designing your float. If you have questions/concerns about the size of your float/entry, PLEASE ASK. Should a Parade Official have concerns about your entry, you will be asked to comply with requests made or forfeit entry.
4. **Motor Vehicles Entries-**
Decorated Car- no more than 5 vehicles per organization
Motorcycles/Carts- no more than 5 vehicles per paid organization
5. **Music and/or sounds coming from entries should not disrupt other entries.** Please no constant blowing of sirens or horns. Be considerate of other people's music and entries which may include animals.
6. **This is a Forward Motion Parade.** Entries should not stop to perform. This causes other entries to lose proper spacing in the line-up.
7. **Children walking in entries need to be accompanied by adults walking with/or alongside.**
8. **Please No Santa Entries.** Our Parade has a Santa Claus. He should be the only Santa Claus in the Parade. Santa hats are fine.
9. **Nothing May Be Thrown From Any Entry.** This is for the safety of ALL. Failure to comply with this request may result in immediate dismissal/forfeit from the Parade.
10. **No Alcoholic Beverages will be allowed in the staging/line-up area or on any entry.**
11. **Animal entries must have a clean-up crew.** Our staging/line-up area and route need to be kept clean. For the consideration of other entries, specific Parade in-route cleaning may be requested, and an additional cleaning fee/deposit may also be requested.
12. **Animal entries must be adapted to large crowds and noise.**
13. **Rainy and/or cold weather does not stop our Parade.** Please be prepared.
14. **Entries need to be on time reporting to the staging/line-up area.** Delays in assembling entries may result in dismissal/forfeit.
15. **All entries will be provided an entry number.** This number needs to be visible in the top right corner of your windshield for proper announcing and judging.

16. Please provide clear signage for your group and/or entry. Spectators will want to know who you are representing. This is a community activity, *show your Pride and Holiday Spirit!*
17. All entries will receive further instructions and Parade line-up assignment prior to the Parade date. Proper completion of entry forms and payment needs to be received to be eligible to participate.
18. Email will be the primary form of communication. Parade assembly and line-up instructions will be emailed to the email address you have listed on your Entry Form.
19. All Parade participants should know and abide by these guidelines. If you are the representative completing and signing the Parade Entry Form, you are responsible for providing copies of these Guidelines and/or other instructions you receive regarding your entry to your group.

Your participation in The Annual Atwater Christmas Parade is appreciated. We also appreciate your assistance in following these guidelines and respecting others. Your questions and suggestions are welcome.

Thank you,
The Atwater 4th of July Committee

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