



## Spirit of Shields Seasonal Windows

*Celebrate the upcoming winter season by sharing your decorated windows  
with the Shields community!*

We invite families to create "Advent" windows, with one revealed ("opened") each day from December 1 to December 24. A list and a map of addresses of all the entries will be posted on the village website and Facebook pages, so that you can view each one on the day they are revealed, or walk/drive through the village until December 31 to see them all on display.

### ***Some ideas for your windows:***

- Christmas / Kwanzaa / Hanukkah / Solstice symbols or décor
- Winter themes – snowmen, snowflakes, winter sports or activities
- Your family's favourite storybook characters, toys, teams, pets, food, etc.
- Visit Pinterest (search "Advent Windows") for ideas
- Display anything that sparks joy and prompts a smile
- Decorate inside, outside, or both - displays can be as simple or complex as you want
- Consider the proportions of your display items – are they easily viewable from the street? Or if you're comfortable in having people on your property to get a closer look, please put up a sign inviting people to do so, but also keep the area cleared of snow for everyone's safety
- ***Please display the calendar date visibly in your creation***



### ***Some possible materials:***

- Brightly coloured tissue paper and black construction paper/Bristol board (for a stained glass image), with a light behind to shine through
- 2-D window stickers, paint, fake snow spray, stencils, children's art, handmade snowflakes
- 3-D ornaments, figurines, garland
- Natural or artificial plant materials
- Homemade or purchased items
- Animated figures



### ***How it works:***

On the day of your window reveal, have your creation ready to light up by 5 pm. Light up your window from the outside or the inside, and keep it lit until 9 pm. Keep your window lit between 5 and 9 pm daily for the duration of the month (an inexpensive indoor/outdoor timer works if you aren't home).



If you don't have a street-facing window but still wish to participate, consider decorating and lighting up a garage door or house door/sidelite. Or if your windows face an alley or lakefront, let us know so we can tell others where to best view your window. You could also create a simple window frame from lumber, place it near the street, and decorate it as you wish.

There are 24 advent days (December 1 through 24) – ***please send your preferred date to Belinda at [saskbelle@hotmail.com](mailto:saskbelle@hotmail.com) no later than NOVEMBER 24. The dates and addresses will be posted by November 30.*** An alternate day will be suggested if your choice is already taken. If we have more than 24 families interested, we will double up some of the days.