

The One-Afternoon Classy Lights Plan

A timed sequence and shopping list for an elegant exterior glow.

Achieve a perfectly coordinated holiday display before dinner. Use this timed sequence and strand-count guide to keep your installation fast and professional.

● The Elegant Baseline

2700K

Kelvin rating for every white bulb

1 candle

Centered per front-facing window sill

4 inches

Spacing between tree trunk wrap spirals

1 timer

Photocell sensor for the entire yard

Wrap Shrubs While Lit

Plug your LED strands in before wrapping foundation plantings. This lets you see dark patches and hot spots immediately for a perfectly even, three-dimensional glow.



● The Timed Sequence

- 1 Set the window baseline** Center an electric taper candle on every sill, locking bases with painter's tape.
- 2 Weave and hang garland** Weave green-wired strands into cedar flat on the walkway, then hang with tension rods.
- 3 Wrap the foundation shrubs** Push bulbs deep into the center first, then wrap the perimeter, tucking wires securely.
- 4 Spiral the tree trunks** Wrap trunks evenly, stopping exactly where main branches fork and tucking the final plug.
- 5 Hide the wreath spotlight** Aim a ground-staked spotlight slightly upward at the door wreath; conceal stake with mulch.

● Calculate Your Strand Count

Find your row: **Your illumination zones**

Your illumination zones	Your pick	Why
Door Garland	1 strand per 9 feet	Weave in before hanging
Small Shrubs	2 strands per shrub	Push deep for 3D depth
Tree Trunks	1 strand per 3 feet	Measure to prevent clutter

● Fixture & Hardware List

- ☐ Exact matching warm-white light strands
- ☐ Green-wired mini lights for the door garland
- ☐ Heavy-duty tension rods or doorway hangers
- ☐ Small ground-staked spotlight for the wreath
- ☐ Outdoor cord covers or electrical tape

● Pre-Installation Checks

- Test every bulb and color temp indoors first.
- Clear fallen branches and rocks from the lawn.
- Remove old rusted staples from the doorframe.
- Level uneven window sills using small wooden blocks.
- Verify the photocell sensor avoids streetlamp glare.

● Installation Notes

Enjoy your beautifully illuminated, cohesive home exterior this holiday season!