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Best Neighborhoods For Holiday Home Decorations

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Few things celebrate the pure magic of the holidays like a family home covered in decorations and lit up at night. Some Bay Area neighborhoods take holiday home decorations to new heights. Thanks to a popular website, [Lights of the Valley](#), we're picking our favorite holiday 'hoods to cruise this Christmas.

[Pleasanton, Alameda County](#)

Pleasanton is home to several Winter Wondelands, including [this gorgeous home](#) on Sea Eagle Court. Children are welcome to climb aboard the Christmas train, most nights feature "snow" falling on the half-hour and visitors are actually welcome to walk around and within the display.



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[San Ramon, Contra Costa County](#)

The entire **Vista San Ramon** neighborhood lights up for the holidays. Now in its 27th year, the "Festival of Lights" features over 152 homes enthusiastically participating. Don't miss the animated nativity scene at the corner of Woodview Terrace Drive and Overlook Court. The entire neighborhood is worth a look.



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[Livermore, Alameda County](#)

Livermore is home to a magical selection of holiday homes. Don't skip this fabulous facade on Knottingham Circle, featuring a mix of old school decor and modern "green" lighting. Santas and



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more are mixed in with the latest in LED lighting and technology. This display, a favorite stop of Santa, will wow kids and adults alike. Seems like the folks on Knottingham Circle don't want global warming to melt Santa's workshop.



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Novato, Marin County

It's worth the trip to **Novato** for [this amazing holiday home on Devonshire Drive](#). For 20 years, the Rombiero Family has not only decorated their home on the outside but gets just as colorful and creative on the inside. Believe it or not, the doors are actually open to the public. Each room and hallway is decorated to the hilt and hundreds of visitors cruise through on any given night. According to the Rombiero's, in 2008 the house was toured by 39,000 people. The Rombiero home on Devonshire Drive is one of the highlights of holiday horse-drawn carriage rides in Novato.



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Santa Clara, Santa Clara County

A city with "Santa" in its name has GOT to get into the Christmas Spirit. **Santa Clara** won't let you down! Add to your tour [this New England-style home](#) on Lincoln Avenue. Located near the Santa Clara [University](#) Campus, this two story spectacular features lovely lights and "snow" to give you that vintage Christmas feel.



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Vacaville, Solano County

Arlene Drive in **Vacaville** is lovingly known as Candy Cane Lane during the holiday season. This wonderful walking Winter Wonderland features several houses dolled up for Santa and his elves. Bring your mittens, find a place to park and explore [this charming stretch of street](#) on foot.



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Don't see your holiday 'hood? Don't worry! Head to [Lights of the Valley](#) to explore festive homes.

Remember, Santa is watching. Help your friends and fellow admirers be respectful as they explore the hard work and holiday spirit of these beautiful homes.

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