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Keep Grinch Out of Holiday Decorating

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If you are like us, you spend hours and hours just getting ready to prepare to begin to start to think about decorating for the upcoming holiday season.

Just trying to remember where you stored last year's holiday decorations, and thinking about dusting or cleaning them, making sure all the lights are working, and figuring out where all of the stuff will go is enough to give you pause. Then you have to decide where each item will find a temporary spot in, around, and on your house.

Of course, this gives you time to consider all the maintenance of the decorations, and finding the time to put them up where you hope they will look decent enough to impress passersby, or at least your family and friends.

And before you know it, it will be time to take it all down, safely pack each item away, and store the decorations for the following year.

All of this almost makes you want to just skip the entire process. Or at least wish that some magical elves would simply appear and take care of it all for you. Well, there's no magic involved, but there are some companies that can help you.

Imagine your house or business all dressed up for the holidays without concern for broken lights, missing parts, or falling off of a ladder. To find out more information about Decorating Elves, call toll free at 1-866-445-6202 or see their website, www.decoratingelves.com

These decorating companies were created to assist in making the holidays more festive and a lot less demanding. Often times, these entrepreneurs offer design work, materials, labor, decorations, and safety plans from top to bottom. They generally have millions of lights and miles of extension cords in their warehouse.

In Belleair, one home has over 70,000 lights. Animation displays can be coordinated with music broadcast through a local FM transmitter to be tuned to by passing or visiting cars. Designers are able to work with almost any theme you might have in mind.

While the time for planning can vary widely, installa-

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tion usually takes place in a single day, and the entire display is removed in the same amount of time, just after the start of the New Year.

In 2002, Nick Schriver opened his decorating business, Designing Elves. With 65 homes his first year, he learned that many people were looking to spend more time with family and enjoying the holidays rather than going through the decorating efforts.

Schriver says his biggest single display was commercial job that paid almost \$10,000, but that decorating an average home can cost around \$1,200.