Permanent Christmas Lights: 2026 Pricing Guide

One-page reference — what permanent (year-round) holiday lighting costs, and what moves the number.

The headline number

Permanent lighting is priced on **linear feet of roofline**, plus the controller and any electrical work. The market in 2026: **$20–$40 per linear foot installed**, settling around **$25–$30** for a mid-tier product on a standard fascia.

Home profile	Roofline	Typical installed cost
Small single-story	100–140 ft	$2,500 – $4,000
Average single-story	150–200 ft	$3,500 – $6,000
Two-story	200–280 ft	$6,000 – $9,500
Large / complex roofline	300+ ft	$9,500 – $15,000+
Light commercial	400+ ft	$12,000 – $30,000+

The five things that move the price

1. Roofline length & complexity. Dormers, gables, and chopped-up segments slow installs and burn channel offcuts. A clean 180-ft run prices very differently from 180 ft in nine segments.

2. Single- vs. two-story. Height is labor. A second story can add 30–50% to the install portion; many contractors carry a flat per-story surcharge.

3. Product line & LED quality. Budget channel runs $12–$18/ft in materials; premium lines with denser points and better diffusion hit $22–$30/ft before labor.

4. The controller & app. Zones, scheduling, scenes, music sync, and app reliability separate a $200 controller from a $600 one. Spec it clearly.

5. Electrical access. Adding a GFCI or coordinating an electrician is real cost and schedule risk — the most commonly forgotten line item.

Permanent vs. seasonal: the crossover

A pro install-and-takedown service typically runs **$1,500–$3,000 per season**, every year. Permanent lighting is one larger payment up front, with crossover at **three to five seasons** on an average home — plus year-round use (Halloween, 4th of July, game day, accent lighting).

What a fair quote includes

• Linear footage of covered roofline (so the per-foot math is checkable) • Product line and LED spec • Controller model and app capabilities • Electrical work called out separately • Warranty terms • Total *and* per-foot breakdown

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