

Are reservations required for entry to Sparkling Lights at The Breakers?

Yes, timed tickets are required for both members and non-members.

Members must purchase tickets but get a discounted price. Log in as a member at www.newportmansions.org to book your tickets.

When is the last entry for Sparkling Lights?

The last entry for Sparkling Lights ticket holders is 6:30 pm to allow everyone time to enjoy the experience and to exit by 8 pm.

Can I tour the inside of the house earlier in the day, before the entry time on my Sparkling Lights ticket?

No, you cannot enter the property earlier than the time specified on your ticket. Once you arrive at your scheduled time, you will have ample opportunity to tour both the interior of the house and the outdoor lights. The entire experience is expected to take about 90 minutes to fully enjoy both areas.

Can I stay on the property for Sparkling Lights if I have a daytime ticket?

Daytime tickets (The Breakers, Breakers +1, Breakers + 2, One Property and Access Pass) are not accepted for Sparkling Lights. All daytime guests must exit the property by 3:30 pm.

What if I buy tickets and I'm unable to attend on the date/time I selected?

All ticket sales are final and non-refundable. Sparkling Lights ticket holders can use our customer self-service portal to change the date and time of their tickets, subject to space availability. Your electronic tickets will contain a link to the self-service portal.

What if I am late for my reserved time slot?

Capacity within time slots is limited. We ask that guests make every effort to arrive on time. You have a 30-minute window from the time on your ticket to enter. For example, a 5 pm ticket allows entry between 5 and 5:30 pm. If you arrive after that timeframe, we will do our best to accommodate you.

Can I leave the property and come back in?

There is no re-entry. Tickets are scanned and canceled when you first enter. After I enter The Breakers property, will my time be limited? You can stay as long as you like, until the house and property close at 8 pm.

Can I buy Sparkling Lights tickets before my visit?

Yes. Tickets are available for advance purchase online, and you will choose a specific date and entry time. Tickets may also be available for purchase in person on the night of your visit, but only if that date and time has not sold out, so we strongly recommend purchasing online in advance.

Do I need to purchase tickets for my children?

Tickets are required for children aged 6 and older. Children under 6 are admitted for free and do not need a ticket.

Will you accept cash as payment?

It is strongly recommended that tickets be purchased online in advance. We accept all major credit and debit cards. Tickets may also be available for purchase in person with cash or credit card on the night of your visit, but only if that date and time has not sold out.

Can I apply the price of my Sparkling Lights tickets to a Newport Mansions Membership?

Sparkling Lights tickets are not eligible to be applied toward a membership.

Are EBT/WIC discounts available?

EBT/WIC discounts are not available for Sparkling Lights.

Are Reciprocal/NARM discounts available?

Reciprocal/NARM discounts are not available for Sparkling Lights.

Can I use a guest pass or library pass to attend Sparkling Lights?

Guest passes and library passes are not accepted for Sparkling Lights. Guests who would like to visit The Breakers during the day may use guest passes or library passes.

Are you open if it's raining or snowing?

Yes! All tickets are rain-or-shine, and we don't offer refunds or rainchecks. Sparkling Lights ticket holders can use our customer self-service portal to change the date and time of their tickets in advance of their date, subject to space availability. Your electronic tickets will contain a link to the self-service portal. We encourage you to dress accordingly or visit our Museum Store for rain gear during your visit. In the event of severe weather, updates will be made here on our website and on social media. If The Breakers has an emergency closure due to severe weather

or other unforeseen circumstances, ticket holders for that evening will be able to use their tickets for another Sparkling Lights evening in 2026 or can request a refund by emailing info@newportmansions.org. We cannot offer refunds if an event is not cancelled and you do not exchange your tickets beforehand to another evening.

Is parking available?

Yes. Parking is free in the lot across the street from the main entrance gates, and in certain lots nearby on the Salve Regina University campus (see map on the Sparkling Lights webpage). Street parking is also available in the surrounding area.

How long does it take to walk through Sparkling Lights?

To explore both the inside of The Breakers and the outdoor loop surrounding The Breakers takes approximately 90 minutes to enjoy. Please note that the house and property close at 8 pm.

Will the bathrooms be open?

Yes. Bathrooms will be open in the Welcome Center at the entrance to the property and in the basement of The Breakers.

Will food/drinks be available for purchase?

Snacks, non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks are available for purchase just outside the Welcome Center and on the back loggia of The Breakers. Food and drink may be enjoyed on the back loggia or on the grounds. No food or drink is permitted inside The Breakers.