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HOLIDAYS MADE: PART I

Our crew is working through the night to make this holiday shine!



We know. You haven't even gotten a turkey (or alternative) for Thanksgiving yet! How has holiday lighting and decor managed to pop up overnight in so many locations? Well, we may be one of the culprits.

It is that time of year where our team at Exterior products ventures out to hit on the lights at shopping centers throughout SoCal. While everyone is sleeping, our crew is working diligently to ensure every holiday light shines bright and sticks to their timed on-off schedule. We proudly service multiple locations, which is why it may seem like these shopping centers have their holiday glow on at the same time!

The truth is, we prepare for our month of illuminating the holiday atmosphere well in advance. Specialty decor like Christmas trees, wreaths, bows, and garlands will need to be ordered and prepared well in advance. We take special care in having these items up for display to be enjoyed by all.

Morning Larks and Night Owls

You probably have heard these phrases when it comes to uncommon sleep cycles. Morning Larks have shorter cycles that make them go to bed and wake up early. Transversely, Night Owls have longer cycles that make them stay up and wake up late. If you happen to have one of these sleep cycle variants, then you are one in a million! Seriously, these are rare!



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ICONIC PALMS

Nothing screams California like a palm tree existing in an urban landscape. Yet, a lot of the palm species you may encounter in California are not even native! Pre-settlement, California has been a semi-arid landscape and home to only one palm species, *Washingtonia filifera*, commonly known as the California fan palm. They have been around for 50-70 million years!

Where did these other palms come from? Well, the first wave of non-native palms came from the Spanish missionaries. Gradually as more migrants came, they brought their palms with them. The most major introduction of new palms was actually in preparation for the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles. The beautification of the city involved planting approximately 25,000 palms. Many of which still decorate the city to this very day!

Oh, the above photo? Those are not our native fan palm. Sadly we are not arborists, so that is the most we know!

