Sure, there are professional displays you can head to this holiday season, but there are also dozens of spectacular homemade light displays across Rhode Island and nearby Mass. that can't be missed. With glittering globes, fanciful figurines, choreographed musical numbers and thousands of twinkling lights, these homemade displays are sure to make your holiday season merry and bright.

1. The Picozzi Family Christmas Display – 75 Gristmill Road, Warwick

Frank Picozzi is always working to make his Warwick display bigger and better. Spectators can see Christmas lights “dance” in time to seasonal songs on his front lawn every night this holiday season. The lights go on daily at 5:30 p.m. and shine until 9 p.m. weeknights and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Music can be heard by tuning car radios to 97.1 FM. Picozzi also accepts donations from those who attend the display to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation. More info here.

2. The Crazy Christmas House – 9 Blue Spruce Drive, Coventry
Tyler Horrocks is the man behind Coventry’s Crazy Christmas House. He began decorating the home in 2005 with 5,000 lights, and this year he’s programmed more than 63,000 lights to dozens of holiday songs. Listen to the music on 107.5 FM. The show runs nightly from 5 to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays). On Christmas eve the show will be lit from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m., and again on Christmas day from 4:30 p.m. to midnight. This year Horrocks is raising money for Jacob Matarese, an 11-year-old with autism who wants to get a service dog. More info here.

3. Conway Christmas Lights Extravaganza - 265 Maple Valley Rd, Coventry

Watch as 32,000 lights twinkle in time to holiday songs nightly at The Conway Christmas Lights Extravaganza. The Conways have been decorating the house since 1992, and this year the Conway family will collect donations for the Coventry Food Bank on Dec. 7, 14, 21. Anyone who donates a non-perishable food item will get hot chocolate and cookies. Unlike some of the other displays, The Conways allow visitors to walk through the display and offer a scavenger hunt, camp fires and treats. The show runs every night from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Visit their Facebook page here.

4. Lewis Family Christmas – 12 Shenandoah Road, Warwick

Take a turn off Post Road in Warwick as you head to East Greenwich and you’ll find the Lewis Family Christmas light display. The family of seven all contributes to the display,
which even includes fake snow. The lights come on daily at 4:45 p.m. and shine until 9
p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The Lewis family
– who uses solar panels to help power their display – collects donations for the West Bay

5. Pontes Broad Street Lights - 119 Broad Street, Rehoboth, MA

Just over the Rhode Island border in Rehoboth, Mass. the Pontes family has strung more
than 70,000 LED lights on their Broad Street home. The Pontes invite visitors to watch
their choreographed display from their cars while listening to 89.5 FM. The display runs
through New Year’s Day starting at 5 p.m. The lights dance until 10 p.m. weeknights and
until 11 p.m. weekends. Check out their Facebook here.

6. Head Family Christmas – 6 Merchant Street, Rumford

This display of 20,000 lights dances to the music on 91.7 FM. The Head Family collects
donations for the Make A Wish Foundation and runs their show daily until Dec. 31. The
lights come on every night at 5 p.m. and go until 9 p.m. weeknights and 9:30 p.m.
weekends. More info here.

7. The Cavallaro Christmas Display – 6 Hebdeen Street, Johnston

Charles Cavallaro started decorating his home in 1972 and never stopped. Although his
lights don’t “dance” and there’s no music, local still flock to his yard to look at his dazzling
display. Cavallaro’s lights shine nightly from 4:30 to 9 p.m. He says he continues to
decorate his home just to see the smiles on kids’ faces.
8. National Chain – 55 Access Road, Warwick

The sprawling display on the front lawn of the National Chain Group in Warwick can be seen glowing from Route 95. But you can also visit it on foot, too. Head into the industrial area off Jefferson Boulevard and you’ll be able to get an up-close look at the dozens of figurines and thousands of lights that sit just off the highway. The display has been up and running since 1973.

9. The Rowland Family Christmas Display – 3073 West Shore Road, Warwick

The Rowland Family’s location is directly on West Shore Road, so if you’re travelling through Warwick, you can’t miss it. This year Howard and Debbie Rowland have set up 35,000 lights set to more than a dozen holiday songs that can be heard on 96.5 FM. They’ll also hold a hot chocolate, cider and cookies night on Saturday Dec. 14, where they’ll collect donations for the Friends of the Warwick Animal Shelter. The display runs nightly from 4:30 to 11 p.m. until Jan. 1. More info here.

10. Giroux Family Christmas Display – 69 Outlook Avenue, East Providence

Now that their Halloween display is done for the season, the Giroux Family is moving on to Christmas. The Giroux Family Christmas Display lights nightly, starting at 5 p.m. and running until 9:15 p.m. weeknights and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday night. Listen to the
music for the display on 94.9 FM. The Giroux Family collects donations for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Visit their Facebook page here.

11. The Sachs Family Lights Extravaganza – 21 Mann Street, Bellingham, MA

It takes the Sachs family nearly 365 days, 40,000 lights and two miles of extension cord to make their Christmas display a reality. Listen to the show on 101.7 FM and be dazzled by the dancing lights. Like the Giroux family, the Sachs also go all out for Halloween, but now it’s all about Christmas. The show runs nightly starting at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until 10 p.m. weeknights and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Although their address is in Mass., the Sachs home is only about a block away from Woonsocket, Ri. Visit their Facebook page here.

12. The Frisina Family Christmas Lights - 283 Massasoit Ave., East Providence

The Frisina Family sets up a show of 9,000 lights at their Massasoit Avenue home. Listen to the holiday tunes on 89.9 FM and watch the show nightly from 5 to 10 p.m. The Frisina family will be collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House. Check out their Facebook page here.

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