

**75<sup>th</sup> ROCKEFELLER CENTER® CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
**2007 TREE FACTS**

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**Website:**

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**Type:**

- Norway Spruce

**Dimensions:**

- 84 feet high
- 48 feet in diameter

**Age:**

- 75 years old

**Origin:**

- Home of Joe and Judy Rivnyak of Shelton, CT

**Lights:**

- 30,000 multicolored light bulbs five miles of wire

**Swarovski Star:**

- The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree will be topped with a Swarovski crystal star, which was unveiled in 2004. The star, designed by Swarovski, is adorned with 25,000 crystals and one million facets. The star measures 9 1/2 feet in diameter and 1 1/2 feet deep, making it the largest star to ever grace the tree.

**Tree Lighting:**

- Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00PM at Rockefeller Plaza

**Hours of Illumination:**

- Spectators can view the lighted tree each day from 5:30AM - 11:30PM; all day (24 hours) on Christmas; and from 5:30AM - 9PM on New Year's Eve. The last day to view the tree is January 8, 2008.

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**Some Historical Milestones:**

- **1931** - Workmen on a muddy construction site put up a Christmas tree.
- **1933** - First formal Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting Ceremony. The tree was decked with 700 lights in front of the eight-month-old RCA Building.
- **1936** - Two trees, each 70 feet tall, were erected. For the first time the Lighting Ceremony included a skating pageant on the newly opened Rockefeller Plaza Outdoor Ice Skating Pond.
- **1942** - Three trees were placed on Rockefeller Plaza, one decorated in red, one in white and the other in blue to show support for our troops serving during World War II.
- **1949** - The tree was painted silver, to look like snow.
- **1951** – The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree was lighted for the first time on national television of the Kate Smith Show.
- **1966** - The first tree from outside the United States was erected. It was given by Canada, in honor of the Centennial of its Confederation. This is the farthest distance a tree has traveled to Rockefeller Center.
- **1980** - A 70 foot-tall Norway Spruce came from the grounds of the Immaculate Conception Seminary of Mahwah, N.J. Bob Hope participated in the Lighting.
- **1999** – The largest tree in Rockefeller Center history, 100 feet high, was chosen from Killingworth, CT.
- **2004** – The Swarovski-designed star is created. It is the largest star to ever grace the tree, measures 9 1/2 feet in diameter and 1 1/2 feet deep, and is adorned with 25,000 crystals and one million facets.

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