Christmas Tree Lightings 2026 Checklist

Dates to mark, Nov. 4 to Dec. 3, 2026, with blanks for cities still to announce

DATE	WHAT HAPPENS	DONE
Wed., Nov. 4, 3 p.m. ET	National Christmas Tree ticket lottery closes on Recreation.gov (free to enter)	☐
Mon., Nov. 16	The Grove, Los Angeles: Tree Lighting Celebration hosted by Lance Bass; time not posted	☐
Fri., Nov. 20, 10 a.m.	U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree arrives; lighting date to be announced	☐
Mon., Nov. 30, 5 p.m.	Copley Square tree lighting, 560 Boylston Street, Boston (free)	☐
Wed., Dec. 2	Rockefeller Center tree lighting, reported by amNY and NY1; broadcast time not announced	☐
Thu., Dec. 3	National Christmas Tree lighting, Ellipse, Washington, D.C.; start time not announced	☐
Thu., Dec. 3, 6 p.m.	Boston Common tree lighting, 139 Tremont Street (free), 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	☐
Fill in: _____	Philadelphia City Hall	☐
Fill in: _____	Chicago Millennium Park	☐
Fill in: _____	Detroit Campus Martius	☐
Fill in: _____	Seattle Westlake	☐
Fill in: _____	Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park	☐

My notes

Source: National Park Service, Architect of the Capitol, City of Boston, The Grove, amNY and NY1. Times local; Rockefeller Center date is reported, not official.