Gardens Aglimmer 2026: One Last Wag!

Frequently Asked Questions and Helpful Information

What is One Last Wag?

One Last Wag is a special dog-friendly evening on December 30th, the final night of Gardens Aglimmer. For one night only, guests are invited to bring their four-legged friends along to enjoy the festive lights, holiday displays, and seasonal magic of the Gardens. Holiday outfits for your pups are encouraged!

Do I need to purchase a ticket for my dog?

Yes! In addition to regular Gardens Aglimmer admission for human guests, each dog requires an $8 ticket.

How much does a ticket cost?

Adults (13+):	$17 Nonmembers | $12 Members
Children (3 – 12):	$10 Nonmembers | $8 Members
Children (0 – 2):	FREE!
Dogs:	$8

**Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum 2 dogs per adult.*

What forms of payment are accepted?

All major credit cards are accepted. Since Gardens Aglimmer is a timed, ticketed event, purchase all tickets online, in advance.

How many dogs can I bring?

Each adult guest may bring a maximum of two dogs. All dogs must remain under the care and control of their accompanying human throughout the visit.

Are dogs required to be on a leash?

Yes. All dogs must be on a leash and attended to at all times, including in the parking lot. For the safety and comfort of all guests, unattended or off-leash dogs will result in immediate dismissal from the Gardens.

Does my dog need to be vaccinated?

Yes. All dogs must be up to date on vaccinations and registrations. Dogs should also be well-socialized and comfortable around other dogs, people, and crowds.

Are there areas where dogs are not permitted?

Yes. To protect our plants, facilities, and visitors, dogs must remain on established pathways and are not permitted inside the Graeser Family Education Center or the Greenhouse. Dogs are permitted in the Ellen T. Leslie Botanical Classrooms. Humans

bringing furry friends will be able to access restrooms in the Ellen T. Leslie Botanical Classroom building.

Will water and waste disposal stations be available?
Yes! Water bowls and dog waste stations will be available throughout the Gardens. Waste bags will also be provided at the ticket booth and at designated locations. All guests are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs and disposing of waste properly.

Can my dog wear a holiday costume?
Absolutely! We encourage guests to dress their pups in festive holiday attire. Whether it's a cozy holiday sweater, reindeer antlers, or a Santa hat, we'd love to see your dog's holiday spirit! Please make sure costumes are comfortable, safe, and do not restrict your dog's movement or vision.

Can I bring another type of pet?
No. This special evening is for dogs only. Other pets are not permitted.

Can my dog participate in photo opportunities?
You're welcome to take photos with your dog throughout the outdoor light displays, provided you remain on established pathways.

What if my dog becomes uncomfortable or disruptive?
We want One Last Wag to be enjoyable for everyone, including our canine guests! Owners are fully responsible for their dog's behavior. If your dog becomes distressed, aggressive, or disruptive, please move to a quieter area or consider ending your visit early.

For everyone's safety, Gardens staff may ask guests to leave if their dog's behavior creates a safety concern.

Are dogs allowed at Gardens Aglimmer on other nights?
No. One Last Wag is a special dog-friendly evening offered exclusively on December 30th, the final night of Gardens Aglimmer. Dogs are not permitted on other event nights, except for ADA-defined service animals.

Will the lights and music be suitable for dogs?
Gardens Aglimmer features colorful light displays, music, and crowds. While many dogs may enjoy the experience, guests should consider their pet's temperament and sensitivity to lights, sounds, and unfamiliar environments before attending.

Will there be dog treats or other special activities?
We're exploring additional ways to make One Last Wag extra special for our canine visitors. Stay tuned for more details!

Can I get a refund for my tickets?
Registration and ticket fees are non-refundable except in the case of event cancellation by Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

How will I receive my tickets?
You will receive a confirmation email with a ticket QR code after purchasing your ticket(s). Display your QR code on your mobile device when you arrive at the Gardens, or print a hard copy to present at check-in.

What are the dates for One Last Wag?
This is one-time event on the last night of Gardens Aglimmer, Dec. 30.

What are the event hours?
Gardens Aglimmer is a timed event with time slots starting at 5:45 p.m. The last entry is at 8 p.m., the bar closes at 8:15 p.m., and the lights turn off at 8:45 p.m.

Timed ticket selections: 5:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

When should I arrive?
Arrive on time for your designated entry time to prevent overcrowding and parking issues. Guests admitted up to 8 p.m.

What happens if it rains, or in the event of severe weather?
Gardens Aglimmer will proceed unless conditions become severe or prohibit our lights from operating properly. If Waterfront Botanical Gardens cancels the event, you will be notified via the email address you used when purchasing your tickets. Since this is the final night of the event, you will either receive a refund or you can donate the value of your ticket to Waterfront Botanical Gardens. We also post any cancellation notices to our social media accounts and on our website by 2 p.m. on the day of the cancellation.

Is this event wheelchair accessible?
Yes. All garden pathways are fully ADA accessible. Manual wheelchairs, motorized scooters, and strollers are allowed.

Please note: The Beargrass Creek Pathway drops about 20 ft. at a grade of 4-5%. It is fully paved and ADA accessible.

Where will I park when I arrive?
Parking is FREE and located in the main parking lot at (1435 Frankfort Ave.). Parking attendants will direct you once you're inside the main gate. Handicap accessible parking is available. Dogs must be on a leash even in the parking lot.

Can I bring my own food and drink?
No outside food or beverage is allowed. Leave your personal beverage bottles and snacks in your vehicle. Hot beverages, alcoholic beverages, and holiday treats are available for purchase. Water stations will be available throughout the Gardens for your furry friends.

Is Gardens Aglimmer a walk-through or drive-through show?
This is a walk-through event, and our paths are wheelchair accessible.

What is the address for the event?
Gardens Aglimmer is hosted by Waterfront Botanical Gardens; located at 1435 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206.

Who designs and installs the show?
We do! The Waterfront Botanical Garden horticulture and facilities staff work tirelessly from October through November to design, create, install, and manage the light displays throughout the Gardens.

How do I get the Member rate?
Visit waterfrontgardens.org/membership to become a Waterfront Botanical Gardens Member. Members receive exclusive benefits, including discounted rates on programs and events, while supporting the mission of the Gardens.

How can I support the Gardens?
Waterfront Botanical Gardens is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that relies on individual donations, program fees, and venue rentals. Revenue from special events like Gardens Aglimmer are incredibly important to our livelihood. You can also make a tax-deductible contribution online at waterfrontgardens.org/support or mail a check to PO Box 5056, Louisville, KY 40255; payable to Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

For any additional questions, please call 502-594-3883 or email gardensaglimmer@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Gardens!