

He's plugged into the season

A BRIGHTER IDEA

Beaconsfield man decorates homes – and will store lights, too

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For the person who loves the look of lots of Christmas lights adorning a house but hates the hassle of putting them up, Marc Tanguay could be the saviour this holiday season.

His West Island company, Inspirations de Noël, provides a decorating and storage service to homes and businesses. Tanguay started the company eight years ago in his parents' garage in Beaconsfield and it has been growing ever since.

"I always took great pride in decorating our home in Beaconsfield and always wanted to have the nicest lights in the neighbourhood," said Tanguay, whose company – still a part-time venture for him – is now based in Kirkland.

He does jobs for anywhere from \$500 to \$3,000 and in addition to putting up the lights, he'll also store everything.

"The customer doesn't even have to own a ladder – we do it all," said Tanguay.

"We do everything for people – the timers and extension cords. They don't even need storage space."

And although he can't recall any really outrageous requests from customers, he builds his own designs and



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Marc Tanguay screws in a bulb on a tree outside a home in Kirkland on Tuesday. His company, Inspirations de Noël, decorates homes and businesses.

encourages people to think outside the box.

"People are pretty traditional but I encourage them to use colours other than white, to find ways to dress it up a bit," said Tanguay. He builds custom wreaths and other decorative items and says the customers seem quite satisfied so far.

"I stick to more classical stuff, because it is Christmas, but we can make it look really nice," said Tanguay.

Christmas in his shop begins in August, when the building of the decorations begins, and doesn't end until February, when the last light has been taken down and stored. He has eight people installing lights, three people building decorations and a partridge

in a pear tree ... oops, make that a general manager overseeing everything.

"I seem to have more Christmas spirit than anyone I know," said Tanguay. "I still have fun with it and haven't lost that wonder."

His goal, he says, is to help people have a brighter holiday season.

"We're lighting up the world one bulb at a time."

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