

If You Played Christmas Songs or Put Up Christmas Decorations Before Thanksgiving You Belong on the Naughty List.

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Hate hearing Christmas music before the holiday season? You're not alone, Scrooge. Well, we all know a few people who listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving. It seems that Christmas is continually becoming a longer season while Thanksgiving and even Halloween is become just another day in life. Often coffee shops are shedding their pumpkin spice lattes or frappuccinos just to sell their mint and candy-cane flavors. Many stores start hanging up and selling Christmas ornaments, wreaths, and trees way too early. When you are walking down the aisle you hear some Christmas tunes in early November. Prepare yourself for stores blasting out "All I Want for Christmas" and "Frosty the Snowman!"

Don't get me wrong: I love the Christmas season. I just think that some stores and people get ahead of themselves around October and early November with all the lights, music, and greenery. My ideal times would be in between Black Friday and December 25th. No earlier, no later. I don't have time to dig through Christmas tinsel and ornaments for Halloween candy in the store or trek through Christmas trees to get my pie crust or turkey for Thanksgiving . I couldn't stand to listen to the same four Christmas songs on October 31st to the last few days of December.

I feel like every year the Christmas seasonal sales and music a little further every year. That's is because they are. I call it the Christmas creep. It is a strategy that store employers and managers keep pushing to commercialize and sell their Christmas items. It is a constant fight for which store can have the best Christmas deals, so stores think the earlier the better.

But I am also hear to talk about another part of the Christmas creep: Christmas music. Thanks to the the radio stations, Christmas music occupies twice the amount is should. I like Christmas music a lot, but there are only a limited amount that are actually good, so listening to the same song over and over is not my thing. Christmas music gets old fast since many artists don't write them very often.

Maybe you are the opposite, maybe you like to listen to Christmas music year around. But most of the population, including me, think it should be reserved until the month of December. It also shouldn't be played in public until after Black Friday. So, if you want to listen to Christmas music year around be my guest, but make sure you wear headphones because most of the population may get real upset.

When it come to public spaces like restaurants, public bathrooms, grocery stores, and shopping malls we need to take the same approach for the people who like to listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving (with headphones). Even though Christmas is partially reserved for Christ it has become commercialized so much that it is not religious anymore. For many people, The holiday season is a very special time. It is a certain time with charm and it only happens once a year. Let's keep it to that special time and that special time alone!

