



Downtown Canal Dyes

Beginning in January 2022, the process to dye the Downtown Canal transitioned from a first come, first served basis to a lottery to make dyeing the Downtown Canal a more equitable process.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the lottery process work?

We randomly draw six entrants from the collective submissions. These entrants will be contacted in the order of which they are pulled to select their preferred date.

How does my organization enter the lottery?

All interested organizations must complete [this form](#) by January 13, 2023. Only one entry per organization. If your organization completes more than one form, you will be removed from the process.

What dye colors are allowed?

Cool colors including royal blue, turquoise, teal and bright green.

Why are these dye colors allowed?

Shades of blue and green do not dramatically change the state of the water and are more natural colors. Shades of red, pink, orange and purple increase Canal cleaning and maintenance needs.

How much time must elapse between dyes and why?

We require 21 days between Canal dyes. This allows the water to return to its natural state, clear of dye. The dye produces a larger impact when poured into clean water.

How much of the Canal can I dye?

Only the fountain will be dyed, not the entire Canal.

Can I supply my own dye?

Dye must be purchased through the City's vendor. Other dyes will not be used.