

Walgreens Reverses Decision to Nix 'Christmas' Gifts

Just one day after coming under a firestorm from Christians for selling "holiday" gifts and providing "holiday" shipping for gifts to arrive by Dec. 25, Walgreens has changed its tune.

"During the month of December, there will be greater use of 'Christmas' in our store and online. We completely agree that while others celebrate different holidays, we should use the word 'Christmas' to describe items we are selling for Christmas decorations and gifts," says Tiffany Washington, a spokesperson for Walgreens. "As Christmas draws closer, there will be plenty of messages in our store and online that say 'Merry Christmas.'"

Liberty Counsel has received a report of Christmas music being played in Indiana Walgreens stores in response to a directive from its headquarters. Liberty Counsel has moved Walgreens back to the "Nice" list. Liberty Counsel's 'Naughty or Nice' list catalogs more than 50 national retailers that either censor ("naughty") or recognize ("nice") Christmas.

It joins CVS Pharmacy, which has embraced Christmas with a large "Christmas Central" portion on its website that is dedicated to Christmas gifts, shipping and savings.

"I am pleased with Walgreens for joining the growing number of stores that recognize Christmas," says Mathew D. Staver, founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel. "We will be monitoring stores and updating our 'Naughty and Nice List' to help consumers support stores that support Christmas."

Liberty Counsel will continue to monitor these and other stores. To see what other stores have made the list, visit .