

# 'Tis the Season

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The Friday after Thanksgiving is seen as the kick-start to holiday shopping, a sometimes frenzied way to get great deals and burn off a couple of those holiday calories.

Stores around Durango have already prepared themselves for the season, offering sales, Christmas decorations and knick-knacks, and gifts for the whole list. Participating downtown businesses will be offering special deals for the annual Noel Night, Fri., Dec. 5

So, hold onto your hats, wallets, and small children, because shopping season is here.



Lists to Santa are starting to pop up in hands of children, and adult children, as the holidays approach.



Tree ornaments line the walls of some local retail shops.



Cookie cutters, gingerbread men and peppermint ornaments, oh my!



The ever-eclectic Urban Market buzzes during a busy shopping weekend.



Sherrie Lutgen looks through books at Maria's on Tuesday morning.