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House all lit up with decorations and power bill is no deterrent

SUBANG JAYA: For more than 10 years, Roland Xavier and his family have been decking their house with Christmas decorations to share the festive joy.

Just take a drive along Persiaran Tujuan and Persiaran Perpaduan, and it is hard to miss the house in USJ 11 all lit up with Christmas decorations.

And next year will be the same, despite the electricity tariff increase by Tenaga Nasional Bhd which will be effective Jan 1.

"I never look at the electricity bill for every December.

"Even with the electricity tariff hike, we will try to save in other areas but Christmas happens only once a year," Roland's wife Joyce Evanson said.

"We tighten our belts for the rest of the year. We have always tried to conserve energy and recycle. We eat less of processed foods, which are overpriced."

It was evident that she walks the talk as she was seen with two recy-

clable bags of grocery during the interview.

"Some ask us why do we keep doing this every year, 'Isn't this a waste of electricity?'. We look at the bigger picture, we hope to touch people's hearts.

"Just a few nights ago, a lady saw me outside the house and gave me a Christmas card, thanking us for putting up the Christmas lights.

"She said, 'Thank you for putting a smile to our faces and for making the Christmas season come alive'," she recalled fondly.



Bright and beautiful: The Xaviers' family home in USJ 11 all decked out for the festive season.