

# Lights out: Weather shuts down display

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Strong winds and cold temperatures gave a one-two punch to Seymour Lights, knocking out the multimedia Christmas lights, music and video show on South Drive in Seymour's Sunset Parkway.

"We think it was more the cold than anything, although the winds were strong," Brett Hays said Sunday afternoon as he and others were dismantling the thousands of lights and other elements of the light and video production.

The temperature dropped rapidly from about 50 to 20 degrees this morning, Hays said.

Parts of the large tree, a

centerpiece of the show, tumbled down around 5 a.m. Sunday.

"The PVC just shattered," Hays said.

"We'll be back, bigger and better, next year," he added, taking the weekend development in stride.

He considered leaving the wreath and video screen up and displaying a message that explained what happened and thanking the community for its support of the show, but he said the wreath was starting to appear fragile, so it, too, was going to come down.

Christmas music was still playing Sunday afternoon on the radio component off Seymour Lights, 89.9 FM.



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**A daily multimedia display, scheduled to run through Dec. 31 at the Seymour home of Brett and Rebecca Hays, came to an early end Sunday because of damage from strong winds.**